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West offers refugees sanctuary

Airlift will take 100,000 Kosovans to safety

By Michael Evans, Philip Webster

THOUSANDS of ethnic Albanians are to be given tempoer Western countries after another 24 hours of mass exodus

The airlift of refugees was one of a number of emergency measures announced yesterday. Others include a special sanctuary for 100,000 ethnic Albanians to be set up by the UN and Nato at Brazde in the Former Yugoslav Republic of

Nato also intends to send up to 8,000 troops to Albania to. help to co-ordinate handling of the refugee crisis there.

The number of refugees earmarked for airlifting out of the region is likely to be at least 100,000. However, governments who have agreed to



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share the burden with Albania and Macedonia emphasised that the longer term objective

remained to see them all return safely to their homes in Julia Taft, America's Assist--- 23 ant Secretary of State, who came face to face with the human misery on the Macedonian border yesterday, described the airlift as a burden-

sharing exercise, which would begin in the next few days. The decision to fly refugees out of the region was a total reversal of Britain's previously stated policy which was to encourage the Albanians to stay in the region, to ensure that President Milosevic could not claim that his ethnic cleansing

had succeeded. That view was spelt out last week by Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, who was in the region yesterday examining the requirements for helping the refugees in Albania and Macedonia.

The promise to airlift refugees to Europe, America and Canada also took many Whitehall ministries by surprise. The Ministry of Defence and the Department for International Development, two key ministries who will be involved in the new policy, appeared to know nothing about it until Downing Street made the announcement.

The decision came after increasingly alarming reports from Macedonia that the Government there could no longer cope with the influx.

Britain is expected to take about 10,000 refugees into hostels and other temporary accommodation, on top of the 9,000 Kosovan refugees already here. America is to take

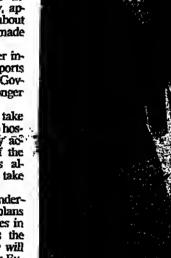
The Home Office is underto set up reception centres in towns and cities across the country, and Jack Straw will discuss numbers with his European counterparts on Wednesday. Yesterday Downing Street would confirm only

A Downing Street spokesman said: "Our top priority is to get these refugees back to their homes and enable them to rebuild their lives in a secure environment. The immediate requirement is to provide

In a newspaper article pub-Blair said that the Government's aim was to avoid dispersing the Kosovo Albanians around Europe. Writing in The Sunday Telegraph, he said: "Bosnia showed that is a policy of despair. Bosnia's refugees are now scattered across the continent. They will proba-

However, ministers denied there had been a U turn, emwould be taken only on a temgiven neither permanent homes nor political asylum.

tention of inflicting a sustained bombing campaign on Yugoslav military targets this week, member governments focused much of their energy on trying to resolve the humanitarian crisis.



that "several thousand" would be allowed to come to Britain.

food and shelter."

bly never return to their phasising that the refugees porary basis. They would be

One government source said the move sat easily with the efforts to get aid to the refugees in the region: "It's all about providing temporary

While Nato reiterated its in-

Lieutenant General Sir Michael Jackson, the British commander who would have



Ethnic cleansing is leading to the crucifixion of Kosovo. Military action is

recognition that the civilised world cannot stand by and accept that evil should triumph?

- Dr George Carey.

Nato's 28,000-man peace implementa-tion force in Kosovo had there heen a settlement, was authorised yesterday to take charge of the relief operation. And top UN and EU officials met Nato ambassadors at the alliance's Brussels headquarters last night to co-ordinate plans.

Jamie Shea, the Nato spokesman, said that allied soldiers were already providing accommodation for 20,000 refugees in makeshift tent cities.

commodate 100,000 refugees was put forward by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. It will be run by the UN and Nato at Brazde. Senior Foreign Offices sources said that the object was to give the Albanians somewhere to go as they fled the "killing grounds".

After another weekend of sustained bombing, which included more strikes on bar-racks, bridges, fuel depots and oil refinery, there were further moves yesterday to boost the The proposal to create a firepower available for the air sanctuary in Macedonia to ac- campaign as the improved

weather allows more opera-

Washington confirmed that it was deploying Apache at-tack helicopters to the region, although no decision has yet been made about whether to use them in Operation Allied Force. The Apaches are armed with Hellfire anti-tank mis-siles which could target Serb

armour in Kosovo. The American aircraft carrier, USS Theodore Roosevelt. also arrived in the Adriatic, providing another 75 aircraft for use in the campaign, and another 13 American F117 Stealth fighters landed in Ger-

many yesterday. The decision to send Apache helicopters was seen as a potentially risky option, because of the need to operate low-flying attacks to hit Yugoslav tanks and artillery, making

the air crews vulnerable. There were also indications yesterday that US forces in Macedonia might be preparing to fire multiple launch rockets over the border against Yugoslav forces in Kosovo, although permission would have to be sought from

the government in Skopie. A meeting of the Contact Group has been arranged for Wednesday to review ways of finding a political solution to

Lockerbie handover

A group of Arab diplo-mats arrived in Libya to oversee the handing over to the UIN of the two men accused of the Lockerbie bombing. The UN's chief legal counsel will then fly the two men to The Netherlands where their trial under Scottish law will begin in the next next few

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The Post Office is planning to spend up to £1.5 billion taking over rival postal businesses overseas. The plan may anger consumer groups which want the organisation to improve domestic

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Republican leaders sought to placate grass roots fears of a Sinn Fein sellout by describing the latest Anglo-Irish demands for the IRA to disarm as dangerous and provocative......Page I0

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Henman lifts home hearts

Tim Henman outlought Todd Martin 4-6 7-5 6-3 7-6 (7-4) in an enthralling Davis Cup match yesterday to bring Great Britain level 2-2 with one singles still to play.

With both men increasingly exhausted after the previous two days. Henman went for his shots and managed to turn around the world group firstround match that appeared a lost cause. He also proved to the eestatic 9,500 crowd in Birmingham that he can respond to the most intense pressure.

Henman's match hinged on a questionable line call after Martin had broken for a 4-3 lead in the second set and was leading 30-15. A Martin volley was called out to the annoy-

ance of the American team. Martin, still gnawing at what he saw as a hometown decision, allowed Henman to break back and the balance of the match suddenly shifted. Henman won seven of the next eight games and Martin was mentally a beaten man.

"To be frank I think the

match turned on a questionable call and then the crowd started to roar," Henman said. "I think it was in, but it just goes to show how something so small can change a match. Suddenly it was 4-4 and I'm back in there."

Martin, one of the most unperturbable men in tennis, agreed the disputed call had been vital although he was angry with himself that he had allowed it to distract him.



Tim Henman after his Davis Cup win yesterday

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MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES

BORDER ZONE CONTROLLED BY SERBIAN ARMY

20 miles

MONTENEGRO

32,000 refugees

10 days

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CONFUSION last night surrounded the planned evacua-tion of 100,000 Kosovan refugees to Europe and the US.

The rescue operation was announced yesterday by President Clinton's emissary. Julia Taft, after she saw the misery of the thousands stranded on a muddy riverbank on the Macedonian frontier.

The US assistant secretary of state called the ambinous airlift "a burden-sharing exer-cise", adding: "It will begin in the next few days and we will take large numbers in temporary asylum until they can go home in safety.

After wading through ankle-deep mud to speak to ref-ugees she said: "American, Britain and other govern-ments will announce the exact numbers they are prepared to take at a summit in Brussels on Tuesday.

Her announcement clearly caught British officials by surprise as they thought they had persuading the Skopje Government to allow the refugees a sanctuary in Macedonia

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, persuaded the authorities to let British troops build a "tented city" at Brazbe, four miles from the squalor of the makeshift refugee camp at the Blace border post.

Emma Bonino, the European Union aid Commissioner. directly criticised plans to fly refugees to distant temporary shelters and predicted horrendous practical problems.

"How do you choose 10,000 refugees?," she asked, "How do you take them away? How do you airlift 50,000 people? It made more sense to pay neighboring countries to provide

The Brussels meeting tomorrow will consider plans for distributing at least 100,000 of the refugees among the 15 EU member states. Britain would take 10.000, Germany 40,000, Greece 5,000 and Norway 6.000. In addition Turkey is to Allies disagree over tactics for dealing with

disaster, writes **Daniel McGrory**

in Skopje accept 20,000, Canada 5,000 and the United States 20,000.

Other countries have offered to take unspecified numbers. Nato is determined that the refugees should eventually go home. 'The idea is not to have a new refugee population floataround Europe," Jamie nea. Nato's spokesman. said.

More than 300,000 Kosovo Albanians have now been expelled by Serbian forces since the Nato offensive began, Nato estimates that at the current rate, President Milosevic could empty the province of its 1.8 million ethnic Albanians within two weeks.

British charities yesterday agreed that efforts should be made to house the refugees in neighbouring Balkan states before sending them to Britain and other European countries. An Oxfam spokeswoman

said: "We welcome any move to help refugees, but taking them away from the region should only be done if there is no other way of looking after them. Our view is that in the long term the refugees should be able to return home. Therefore it is best that they should be housed as close to Kosovo as possible."

Save the Children also expressed concern about "dis-



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placing" large numbers of refugees. A spokesman said: "Stay-ing close by is preferable and we are trying to give the help and support needed on to enable this to happen.

"There are always issues about displacing people from their networks of support. such as family and friends, so removing them to different countries in Western Europe is not necessarily the ideal option. Our understanding from working with these refugees is they want support in return-

ing home as soon as possible. Hundreds of Bridsh troops meanwhile laboured to finish the tented camp at Brazbe. The first 2,000 refugees arrived in six buses last night. They were registered by Macedonian officials and given their first hot meal in more than a week, pre-

pared by British Army chefs. The tented sanctuary, built on wasteland beside a factory on the main road from the border. can shelter up to 100,000 refugees. Nato troops are building five other camps inside Macedonia. The Bridsh view is that the

refugees should stay here, fed and policed by British troops, until diplomatic senlement means they can be repatriated. However, Macedonian officials said yesterday they regard the new tent city as a "transit camp". One senior official said: 'The refugees can be

registered, given medical help, sheltered and fed but only dll another country can accommodate them. We can t." The Macedonians say they only allowed the construction of the camp to facilitate the

evacuation operation. Clare Short, the overseas aid Minister, seemed confused about details of the evacuation plan when she arrived in Macedonia yesterday. Asked about the numbers Britain was taking, she said: "We're trying to help but as I've only just got here ask me when I leave." She is due to visit Blace later

today By then she will have

Homeowners

met government ministers. charities and Nato chiefs about how best to deal with the crisis. A column of another 80.000 refugees said to stretch more than 40 miles is heading towards the Macedonian frontier where troops are under orments. This is only temporary asylum. We want these people

ders to stop them crossing. It was the plight of these refugees that caused the Ameri-

cans to make their sudden announcement yesterday. Mrs Taft was adamant the airlift would begin today using returning empty aid flights. "We all have to help and I have pledges from many govern-

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to go home. She said the Americans and others are considering chartering ships to move the huge numbers involved.

One senior US official visiting Macedonia said: "There has been some armitwisting on both sides in the past 24 hours. You will see Skopje getting substantial aid but the refu-gees need help. So call it a ran-som demand if you wish, but something has to be done."

British charides have been inundated with offers of support, both financial and practical, with many people offering free accommodation.

John Rubenstein, a lawyer with two sons, was disappointed after ringing the Brinsh Army, offering a room in his family home in Wandsworth, south-west London. He said: After seeing distressing news reports of the thousands stranded by the Macedonian border closure, I felt that I had to do something to help. The Macedonians are saying that they can only come through if they have somewhere to go. But when I rang the Army. they could not advise me what

Mr Rubenstein, whose grandfather took in a Jewish refugee in London during the Second Wurld War, said: "I am sure there are hundreds like me. The government

should draw up a list of volun-

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Vourneen Gleeson, of west London, who rang The Times asking for advice on the best way to help, said: "I have a big house with empty rooms."

However, charines urged people to pledge money rather than accommodation as they prepared to launch an appeal tomorrow. The Disasters Emergency Comminee is to make television and newspa pers appeals on behalf of 12 aid agencies, including the British Red Cross, Oxfam, Save the Children, Help the

Aged and Christian Aid. Individual appeals by the British Red Cross and Oxfam launched in the middle of last week have already raised E86.000.

A spokeswoman for Chris-tian Aid said: "We have had about 900 calls but none of the charities has been going full tilt until now because we wanted to see what the level of need would be."

Small local appeals have also been established, such as the East Midlands Kosovo Appeal set up on Friday by the Beth Shalom Holocaust Memorial Centre in Nottingham. Rome Italy, which already has a sizeable populadon of Albaruan immigrants, has made clear it would prefer refugees to stay in Albania and has set up relugee camps in Kukes and Durres. It has prepared refugee camps along the southern coast, but has argued that refugees should stay as close as possible to their homeland.

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Cook accused of lying over crisis

JOHN BRUTON, the former Irish Prime Minister, last night accused Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, of not telling the truth about the refugee crisis prompted by attacks on Yugoslavia.

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Mr Bruton, the leader of Ireland's Fine Gael main opposition party, said Mr Cook was "simply not making a truthful statement when he said no one could have foreseen a refugee crisis on the scale of the one now happening in the Balkans following the Nato decision to bomb Yugoslavia while refusing to commit ground troops under any cir-

cumstances". The former Dublin premier added: "He is wrong, The present refugee crisis was not only foreseeable, it was foreseen. It is profoundly dishonest to pretend otherwise."

Mr Bruton said he had predicted the crisis himself before the bombing, and pointed to a prediction made in Berlin by the Swedish opposition leader and former Bosnia mediator Carl Bildt, who forecast one million refugees within two weeks of the start of the

Mr Bruton said: The whole disastrous operation was driven by the something-must-be-done school of diplomacy, generated by television images and Im-

age-conscious politicians. Kosovo is in Europe. It is a European problem. The vagaries of United States public opinion should not be dictating either what wers are started in Europe, or how they are conduct-

Mr Bruton called for a four-day pause in the bombing to coincide with next. weekend's Orthodox Christian Easter, and said that a European figure not involved in the Nato decision should be requested to seek a negotiated settlement in that period.

☐ Paris: France cannot accept "massive" numbers of Kosovo refugees, preferring the despatch of humanitarian aid to help them out in countries bordering Kosovo, a government source said. "The essential thing is to ensure that the Kosovans can return to their homeland," the source said. Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, was said to be dealing with humanitari-

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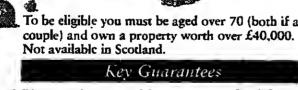
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Video footage strengthens the West's resolve to end violence

THESE shocking video pic-nures of Albanians killed by the Serbs in Kosovo on the day the Nato bombing campaign started reinforced the alliance's determination yester-day to end the violence in the Yugoslav province.

The video, taken covertly by an ethnic Albanian, Milian Bellanica, and shown on BBC television at the weekend, re-vealed the gruesome death of about 100 men from the village of Krusa-E-Madhe, near Pec on March 24.

Of the 19 bodies shown in the two-minute film, many appeared to have been shot in the back of the neck. Mr Bel-lanica said 100 men, most aged between 20 and 30, had been murdered.

Doug Henderson, the Armed Forces Minister, said yesterday: 'The reports of atrocinies took a gruesome turn with the film shown by the BBC about the grisly mas-



The body of an Albanian in a secretly made film

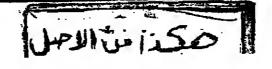
sacre of 19 men in the village Krusa-E-Madhe." He added: "That film shows

in vivid terms the barbarity of Serbian troops and police, and explains all too clearly why thousands of people are fleeing Kosovo.

Mr Bellacina, who smuggled the video across the Kosovo border into Albania. told the BBC: They were killed one by one. A group of Serbs were on the top of the hill. Others came from behind. Our men were captured and the Serbs killed them one after the

He added: "I have done this so that my son, my grandson, the next generation, will never forget what the Serbs have done to the Albanian people." The women and children been taken away, and some of the men had tried to escape but were shot, Mr Bellacing said. He produced a list of 26, names of the men who had been killed. He told the BBC that he had

hidden for a week before smug-Aid call: Alex Salmond in night called for a massive crease in humanitarian aid save the lives of Kosovan nian refugees. The Scottish in fional Party leader said had an "inescapable respon bility" to step up the aid effor and called for as much to spent on humanitarian as on the bombing campaign.
Mr Salmond provoked fury by criocising the campaign in television broadcast last week. At a function of Scots Asians for Independence in Paisley. he called for a "humanitarian front" to be opened and resterated his claim that the bombing campaign was counter



BALKANS WAR: MACEDONIAN NIGHTMARE

Fleeing families detained in PoW camps



Daniel McGrory in Radusa witnesses the plight of fenced-in ethnic Albanians refused entry by Macedonia

THEY thought they had found sanctuary after fleeing Kosovo, but 1,000 refugees were last night held at gunpoint in what they described as a hilltop prison camp.

Hanging on to the wire fencing, they pleaded with Mace-donian soldiers to let them contact relatives willing to shelter them, but their cries were ignored. Two men who climbed over the wire were beaten by troops in riot gear who threw them, bleeding, back into the compound, shouting they would shoot anyone else trying to escape.

In the past week these men - like the other thousand occupants of this camp in Radusa - have been forced from their homes by masked Serb gunmen, herded onto trains, made to walk live miles through minefields and then stranded at a muddy ravine at the frontier without food or shelter.

Rudi Fukta, 36, pointed to the Macedonian soldiers, saying: "Is this the world's idea of helping the Kosovan refugees. to point machineguns at us in a prison camp?"

The occupants at Radusa were given no choice in where they were taken after they were moved from the border at the weekend. All vesterday

the gates of the main camp hoping their relatives behind the wire could go home with them. Some offered bribes to the camp guards. As darkness fell, almost all left disappointed, promising to return today with food and clothes.

Feriz Dinarici was not prepared to wait another night to free his two-year-old daughter. Whispering to her, he pushed the frightened child under the sharp wire fence where his sister was waiting on the other side. Ajita, aged two, screamed as the wire scratched her face and tried to hold onto the fence shouting she did not want to be parted from her father. Her aunt had put her hand across Ajita's mouth to stifle the child's cries, fearing it would alert the police guard, who was swapping cigarettes just yards away. Touching his daughter's

face. Mr Dinarici told her: "Go, go now and be safe. I will see you soon." As the crowd helped to smuggle her away he sank to his knees in the mud, weeping uncontrollably.

His wife had died six months ago, he said. "My child is all I have. Our home has gone, all our possessions are lost, and I don't know when or if I will leave here."



taken by bus along the narrow path to this tented camp were not told where they were going. Many had been separated from family in the chaos at the border and when they arrived in darkness at Radusa, they waited all night in the hope they would be reunited.

Mimola Huti, 18, last saw her father being hit by a police truncheon as he struggled to help her and her sister, Besa, 16, to clamber up the muddy slope to where a bus was already pulling away.

Miss Huti explained she had a family in Skopje and Turkey who could accommodate them. "So why are we humiliated like this in a prison? There is one toilet for 600 wormen and children. We only ger bread and cartons of milk.

"There's no electricity or running water. We have to collect our water in plastic bottles and then wash in the open. We sleep on the grass which is so wet it soaks through the sleeping bags. It is degrading and kosovans unnecessary when most of us

have places to go. No one will tell us what has happened to our father. If he is still at the frontier, he cannot last there much longer, as he has a heart

Twenty-three refugees died in the mud on the Blace frontier over the weekend, including one woman as she gave birth to her first child. Ten other children were born in

medic described how he tried to reach a woman who had gone into labour as a soldier ashed out at him with a trun-

Xhelal Aziri said: "He kept hitting me on the chest and I put up my arms to protect my head. The woman was screaming and the crowd were pushing her forward towards me. She was trying to hold on to

6 Is this the world's idea of helping us, pointing machineguns at us?

the middle of this squalor on the riverside as relatives tried to find a scrap of clean blanket or cloth to keep the newborn

Two hundred yards away from where they were sinking in ankle-deep mud, cardboard boxes of blankets and sleeping bags were left in the rain by the roadside.

her other children, who could have been no more than three years old.

"People are also losing their mind in that field. We know at least four have tried to kill themselves. This is an inhuman way to treat people who have suffered enough." One man knelt by the stretcher where his father lay

ticians, aid organisers and other. VIPs came to see the disgrace of Blace for themselves. They all left shaking their heads, saying something must be done urgently but could not say exactly what. President Climon's emis-

to brush the mod from the blanket that only partly cov-ered the old man's body as a

succession of voluntary aid

workers walked past him, ignoring his plight. How can

they allow a man to escape the

Serbs and then die in a friend-

ly country?"
Throughout the day a suc-

cession of diplomats, local poli-

sary, Julia Taft, a US co-ordinator for refugee relief, walked in her boots to the edge of the crowd and told them: "Milosevic is to blame for this" and we and Nato are here to help you." When it was apparent she had no food or drink to offer, nor could she help those at the front of this sea of faces to be allowed into Macedonia. the crowd turned away in disdead. He spent an hour trying appointment.

Sheets or brown plastic sheeting were string out between the few trees that had not been cut down for firewood. Women queued in theirthousands to wash clothes, drink and defecate in the same

The few bealth workers at Blace appealed last night for more water tanks, warning cholera could take a grip among the 40,000 refugers. here, some of whom had been waiting for four days. On a railway track behind them, another 60,000 refugees are said to be trapped in no man's land. A cordon of Macedonian soldiers are preventing any aid workers reaching these

forgotten fugitives. The aid operation is still woefully slow, with Western charities complaining that authorities in Skopje are preventing them from launching the massive supply line needed to belp those stranded at the frontier. and those still being expelled from Kosovo. One British charity gave up yesterday and sent fighting for food."

30,000 packed meals it had to

Albania instead.
Yugoslav security forces
meanwhile kept up the pressure on Macedonia's borders yesterday, driving another trainload of refugees at gunpoint to join tens of thou-sands in a sea of mud and.

excrement Witnesses said the security forces fired guns over the heads of ethnic Albanian refugees as they were forced to walk from the train about two miles from Blace, a border post about a half-hour's drive from Skopje, the capital of Macedonia:

Yannis Behrakis, a Reuters photographer, was one of a handful of journalists who managed to bypass heavy police cordons and get into the refugee field where about 50,000 people are stranded in a no man's land of misery and filth. "It is crazy." Mr Behrakis said. "The ground is covered with human excrement and they (the refugees) are

British aid workers warned to expect Skopje hostility

being warned not to drive their vehicles after dark in Skopje as the backlash begins in Macedonia over the thousands of refugees pouriog across its borders.

A car owned by one British charity was vandalised and a volunteer was threatened by a gang of youths in the capital at the weekend.

A senior British aid official said: "The mood is polarising in this country about what to do with the refugees, and I fear we and Nato will feel the effect of it very soon."

The six British charities

here say the Macedonian authorities are being "deliberately obstructive" in register-ing aid organisations to belp in the humanitarian crisis. Children's Aid Direct wait-

ed so long they decided to divert the 37,000 food parcels meant for Macedonia to Albania instead Government ministers in-

sisted last night Macedonia will take no more refugees. More than t15,000 are believed to be in the country already and another 60,000 are trapped in no man's land in minefields close to the frontier. Thousands more are still being expelled from Kosovo. Local Albanian leaders accused the Skopje GovernAlbanian leaders in Macedonia say

the authorities are blackmailing

the West, Daniel McGrory writes

Arben Jafare, leader of the Democratic Party of the Albanians, which is part of the rul-iog coalition. said Albanian families here could accommo-

He complained that only Albanian schools had been closed in order to be used as temporary shelters and that the Government had gone back on a plan to use gymnasi-ums and the national football stadium after protests from its

Ministers ruled that in future the refugees would go where they were told and be held in camps until other

The Slav parties argue that if Macedonia allows an open

ment of using the refugees as our political security." Police are investigating whether a shooting in the capital at the ransom to get millions in weekend was related to the

growing ethnic rivalry. Albanians already make up nearly 40 per cent of the population. One government official said: "If 250,000 or date at least 100,000 refugees. many of whom are relatives. more come, as some estimates expect, then in a population of two million it is bound to

by ministers is increa Slav supporters. eration Army were trying to find sanctuary posing as refugees. He said the refugees countries accepted them. ere carrying diseases that Al-

border the delicate ethnic mix of the country will be violently opset. Radmilla Kiprijanova, the Deputy Prime Minister, said at the weekend: "The refugees will disturb public order and cause the economic col-

Refugees waiting on a bus at the Macedonian border village of Blace, where about 50,000 people are being kept isolated in makeshift camps with scant supplies

ioin their kinsmen.

"Our economy is fragile and we can't afford this influx."

the Albanians say their communities suffer worst.

The language being used inflammatory. Pavel Tra-janov. the Internal Affairs ing: "We don't need food sup-plies, we need money." Minister, said one reason for strict border controls was that fighters from the Kosovo Lib-

ban demonstrations over the treatment of the refugees. Slav commentators described the country as being on a "war footing" as military reserves were called up in a general mobilisation. The Government is worried that if

bania has eradicated. He then

hinted the Government might

diplomatic settlement, the majority Albanians in western Macedonia will elect to

We will not allow our state to fragment as the rest of Yugoslavia has done, with bloody consequences," a senior government source said.

The number of unemployed is more than 300,000, though

US diplomats visiting Mace-donia at the weekend say the Government is looking for substantial aid packages and help with its existing debts. The Government has asked the EU for a large loan, say-

Ministers were refuctant to allow Nato to get involved in the humanitarian relief operation, fearing that this might provoke the Serbs. There was criticism of Nato's air attacks after reports that two stray Harm missiles

villages in the past 72 hours. Nato was accused of showing "a very unserious attitude to this problem" by Aleksandr Teimitrov, the Foreign Minister. Nato chiefs in Skopje say

they are investigating the

☐ Tirana: Albania is willing to accept up to 100,000 Kosovo refugees on the Macedonian border, provided it is given the resources to look after them. Otto Schily. Germany's Interior Minister, said yesterday. The Albanian Government is willing to take in a contingent of up to 100,000 on condition that the international community guarantees the necessary support," he told re-porters while visiting a refugee camp here. "Albania cannot do it on its own."

Herr Schily, speaking after meeting Pandeli Majko, the Albanian Prime Minister. said it might be necessary to provide financial support to the Government as well as aid

"I can't decide that off the cuff here, but basically we will have to help in this way as well" he said. (Reuters)

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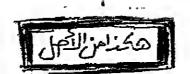
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BALKANS WAR: THE AID OPERATION

Mercy flights start to reach border victims

AMERICAN and French helicopters arrived in Albania yesterday, carrying emergency aid to hundreds of thousands of refugees whose exodus from Kosovo threatens to overwhelm local authorities.

The aircraft will establish an air bridge in a belated attempt to bring food and shel-ter to about 200,000 exhausted and terrified refugees. Yester-day they continued to pour through three border points into Albania, fleeing what Nato has called President Milosevic's attempt at "ethnic re-

engineering". Near Kukes, a border town in northeast Albania which has borne the brunt of the exodus, the first helicopters touched down with desperately needed food. About 1,200lb

The aid race is on against hunger, exposure and an increasing risk of dysentery, writes Sam Kiley in Kukes

of military rations were flown from Tirana airport, where the first planes bringing international humanitarian aid landed. The helicopters, which had been in Bosnia with the Nato-led stabilisation force, will bring 1.5 tonnes of aid a day to Kukes, linked to the rest of Albania by one crumbling

Stunned by the lack of plan-ning by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Nato for a refugee emergency when Nato began airstrikes two weeks ago, the Albanian Government has taken over co-ordination of an operation which will involve up to 8,000 Nato troops on Albanian territory. The UN could have predict-

ed this disaster. We did. We didn't expect it to be so big, but il doesn't take a genius to see that if you start a war there will be refugees, especially as there was already 'ethnic cleansing' in Albania," said a



Refugee children race to meet the first French army helicopters bringing humanitarian aid to makeshift camps at Kukes in Albania yesterday

spokesman for the Tirana Government. He said his administration could cope only with the 200,000 people estimated to have fled into Albania so far. "We expect to get up to half a million, some say more.

There is no way we could cope

with that," he said. In Kukes, the administrative headquarters of the relief effort, the price of food and other basics has more than doubled. Local people as well as the refugees face severe ugee camp would be a luxury food shortages, and aid workcompared with what they ers received the first reports of have recently endured.

an outbreak of dysentery. But for tens of thousands of Kosovo Albanians, the prospect of being held in a Nato ref-

Lası Friday aı midnighı Serbs came into the Dajkavica home of Susanna Sahia and ordered the men to separate from the wom-"They de-

and threatened to shoot one of our men. or a baby. I paid them, and then they shot my husband," she said. Dajkavica's

original popula-tion of 120,000 had been swollen by about 50.000 displaced

people from earlier purges. With the latest Serb pogrom now into high gear, most have been forced to flee on foot south through the Monice border crossing or to negotiate a narrow mountain track through a minefield to the windswept and freezing cross-

At the weekend refugees tramped to safety through the crossing at a rate of 90 per minute. The scale of the Serb ethnic cleansing and battles with what remains of the Kosovo Liberation Army could be gauged by the near-constant thump of artillery and morlars in the distance. Heavy cloud apparently prevented Nato from striking back at tanks and artillery which have

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ans. Hoping to find food, shelter, and clean water, they were bitterly disappointed. The refugees arrived on the muddy pass and collapsed on soaking ground only to be told to keep walking. Try to get to sheller

was the best advice the handful of aid workers at the border could

Asim Dema, a typesetter, said that he had seen the bodies of 27 people in Diakovica who had been burnt by the Serbs in their home. He said

down as he walked past Serbs who put a young man against a wall and shot him.

"The whole city is being burnt. We were given nn time to pack, we were just thrown onto the street," he said as he continued to walk among a stream of people about ten miles long.

They marched under the gaze of a Serb position about 100 yards from the crossing. The elderly and disabled were carried in wheelbarrows.

Ama Annan, a spokeswoman for the British charity Christian Aid. acknowledged that the aid agencies had been caught off guard by the disaster. Yesterday she witnessed three deaths. A six-month-old baby died overnight on a freezbeen turned on civilian homes to hasten the exodus of Kos-mother. An elderly man was ovo's 1.8 million ethnic Albani- found dead in his blankets.

Montenegrins prepared to die for Serbia

HERE in Raci. a remote vil-lage 25 miles outside Podgorica, the Montenegrin capital, there are no "traitors" and no "servants of Nato". This is hardcore Slobodan Milosevic country, and the simple people who live in this barren farming area say they would die for a united Serbia.

If the political graffiti etched on the walls are any indica-tion, these people are more than extreme: "All Serbs united in Serbia", the slogan used throughout the "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia-Herzegovina, is painted on buildings.

in a small café a portrait of Mr Milosevic hangs on the wall and underneath it, drinking a beer and painting his vision of the future of Montenegro is Rajko Rajkovic, a worker whose family has lived in Raci for generations. He is not a Montenegrin, he says fiercely, but a proud Serb, "And since the Nato bombing," he says, "I am even more of a Serb. Someone is going to stay in this country. And it will be the Serbs. They can't shoot

every single one of us."
His wife, Divna, and his three children nod in agreement. Other villagers are openly hostile to foreigners after the Nato bombing of the bridg-

es in Belgrade and Novi Sad.
Like many people, the villagers of Raci are preparing for a long war. If fighting broke out, it would be between it would be between those who are loyal to the pro-West Presideni Djukanovic, and those who follow Mr Milosevic and his puppet. Momir Bulatovic. Prime Minister of the federal Government, whose relatives come from this village. In the hills above Podgorica, there are more tanks and hardware moving on the roads and earlier in the week there were armed colice suspers loyal to Presiden. Djukanovic on the rooftops of the parliament building.

There is also a sense of impending doom: everyone here is terrified of being drawn into the conflict that is taking place

Villagers show their support for Milosevic, writes Janine di

Giovanni

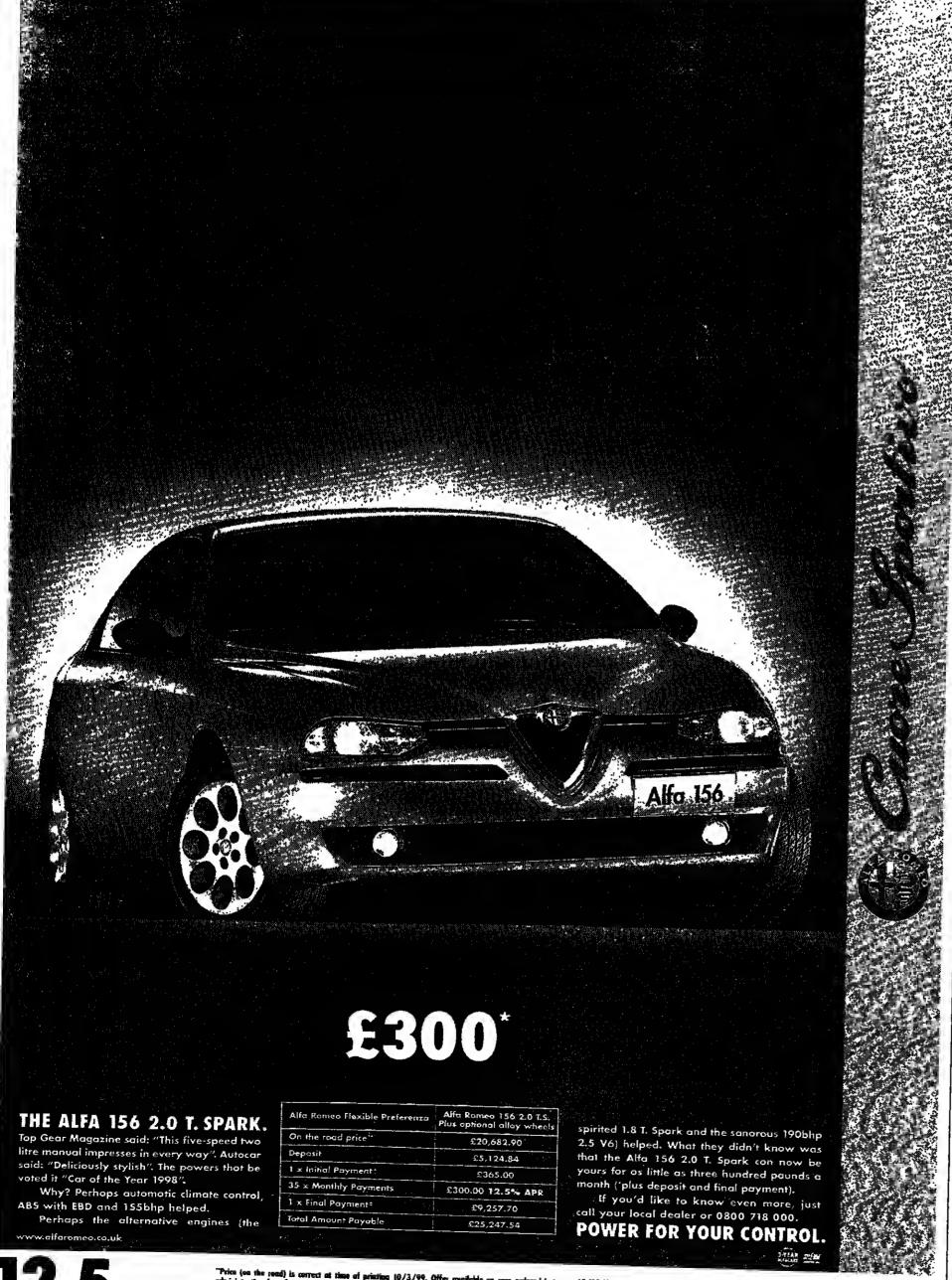
three hours from the capital. Aiready there has been an exodus of Muslim Montenegrins who fear what might happen should Mr Milosevic and his troops move in here as is expected. To ensure that does not happen, a stream of characters loyal to the Government have turned up. One of them. a distinguished 80-year-old general from Belgrade (who asked not to be identified for the sake of his family) arrived

here ten days ago to fight if One of the more heroic fighters of the partisan war, he also comes from Cetinje and is fiercely proud of his Montenegrin roots. By the age of 21. he was plucked from his Young Communist group to lead a battalion of 340 men ambushing Italian tanks and fighting in the mountains of Bosnia during the bloody winter war of 1941-42.

"One rose quickly in those days," he says, "At that time, you became older and more clever with double speed. Events made us older." After the war, he became a National Hero, Yugoslavia's highest distinction, and was later a distinguished diplomat.

When the bombing began 11 days ago, he began to hear rumours of trouble brewing in Monienegro. He left his invalid wife, son and grandchildren and drove straight

"I said. I must go to any porpie, to my country." he says Okay. I'm old, but I can be of some use. I can give advice. I can even fight with the younger people if that is what they





Germans fear repetition of Bosnia burden

more than 300,000 refugees during the Bosnian and Croatian conflicts, is bracing itself for a new wave of asylum seekers from Kosovo.

This time, though, it wants a strict share-out of refugees among European Union counttries, with larger states such as Britain shouldering a bigger share of the burden.

The country's bishops used their Easter sermons yesterday to urge Germans to accept more refugees and not regard them as a burden. How many refugees are destined for Germany, and how quickly they will arrive, was still unclear. We will take an appropriate number," Gerhard Schröder. the Chancellor, said at the weekend.

Officials said that probably meant about 10,000 Kosovans out of a total of 20,000 who will be allocated to the European Union. But these numbers are only vague target figures.

For about a year thousands of Kosovo Albanians have been crossing the Czech bor-

Kosovo crisis promises more

asylum-seekers,

writes Roger Boyes in Bonn

to £3,000 each to "people smugglers". These same groups are trawling the makeshift refugee camps in Macedonia and Albania: in return for life savings or for the firm promise of cash from relatives already in Germany, the smugglers undertake to remove whole families from their misery

Four thousand Kosovans arrived in Germany last year by these illegal channels. Border police believe that many more will now come across the steep wooded paths of the Lausitz mountains bordering southeastern Germany. Otto Schily, the Interior

Minister, arrived yesterday in Macedonia and is expected to middle of the week.

He will probably propose large on-the-spot assistance the German Air Force is already flying out 100 tonnes of food and medicine a day — immediate acceptance for a small number of medically urgent cases, and a larger quota to be worked out with other EU

Refugee lobby groups such as Pro Asyl want far more. Since 200.000 Bosnians have returned home since the signing of the Dayton agreement, there is space available for the Kosovans," said a Pro Asyl

The large influx of Bosnians in the early 1990s put an almost intolerable burden on the German political system. Many were put in improvised mobile homes on the fringes of east German villages.

This sparked resentment from the east Germans, who were unhappy at the way they have been treated by Bonn after unification. The friction contributed to the rise of radical neo-Nazi groups and racist



violence in the mid-1990s. Asylum rules were tightened by the Government and it is now not uncommon for refugees to be rejected immediately at the airport and sent back by the first claim asylum there.

same plane. Under the rules the asylum-seekers passing through a "safe country" such as neighbouring Poland or the Czech Republic - must

BALKANS WAR: CHALLENGE FOR BONN

At the Berlin summit ten days ago, European Union leaders had issued a warning that "on the eve of the 21st century Europe cannot tolerate a

But instead of offering to welcome refugees with open arms they had a "duty to ensure the return |of refugees| to their

Kosovo refugees in the Bal-kans. This line has buckled somewhat because of the eniotional power of television foot-



Srebenica fugitives at a UN camp in 1995. A Bosnian influx to east Germany created tensions there

Pacifists take the lead in world of war

marchers have been turning out in have their thousands in the first serious anti-war protest since the Gulf War. Pacifism, it is said, is set for a revival, and the Bonn Government - made up of two parties with pacifist traditions - could soon be heading for trouble. Certainly, there is unease at the grassroots. At the weekend, the Greens pressed for a special party congress to set the limits of

military engagement.
Yet there is unlikely to be a revolution. Wars can consolidate power. Gerhard Schröder looks stronger than at any time since winning the elections last autumn. He is flanked by his Defence Minister, Rudolf Scharping — once regarded

INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

as a beardless failure but now tipped to be the next Nalo Secretary-General and by the Green Foreign Minister, Joselika Fischer,

All three were once stern critics of US policy in Vietnam. Now, in taking Germany into its first war for over half a century, they look like the men who really run the country.

It is Herr Fischer's task to keep his party on side in the Social Democratic-Green Government. He does this suggest, may well waiver. by presenting Nato as the military wing of Amnesty International. A recent headline captured the spirit: Dictators Look Out -The 1968ers Are In

Charge". It is in the nature of the oew crusaders that the European interest - peace on the continent - takes precedence over the rather ill-defined German national inthe 1968ers has thus evolved from stone-throwing anti-Americanism to support for bomb-dropping American planes - a strange transition, but one with an internal logic embraced by the Green power elite, if not by their voters.

For both sides of the debate, the reference point is the Holocaust. The pro-war writers and politicians say Germany's tragedy was its failure to get rid of Hitler before he embarked on mass murder. The anti-war faction says Germany's debt to Europe - and especially to Serbia, which suf-fered terribly — is to keep its bombers on the ground. The most fundamental

problem, though, centres on the sincerity of the US commitment. It is that germ of doubt. nervously suppressed, that has the capacity to split open the Social Democratic and Green Parties. There is a cynical whisper going around Bonn, and it is this: what if America is merely using the Kosovo war as a rehearsal for the war it really wants to fight - the one that ousts

Saddam Hussein? As a foreign affairs articte recently pointed out, the Clinton Administration has been considering the "roll back" options for Saddam. The policy mix looks uncannily like that currently being applied in the Balkans: airstrikes, funding, arming and training the opposition. Whatever political settlement emerges out of Kosovo, it will demand a decade of on-the-ground enforcement

merican concentration, my world-weary German friends Colonel Gaddafi survived Ronald Reagan; Saddam survived George Bush. Perhaps, just perhaps. President Clinton would like to leave office as the man who finally toppled Saddani. If so, peace in the Balkans will become an almost exclusively European responsibility - a thought that terrifies the

Germans.

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BALKANS WAR: THE CHURCHES' VIEW

Pope prays for lifeline

initiatives to end the war in Kos-ovo have fallen on deaf ears, yesterday made an impassioned plea for Belgrade to allow a humanitarian corridor to be opened so help could be sent to the mass of people stranded on the borders.

In his Easter message in St Peter's Square, he spoke of "a corridor of hope" amid "the din of war, the whistle of shells and the fire of bombs".

Giving his tradidonal Urbi Et Orbi address the Pope, 78, appeared deeply troubled by what he called "this tragic spectacle of ha-tred and violence". He spoke under sunny skies on a warm spring day to a crowd of more than 150,000, offering Easter greetings in 60 languages, including Serbo-Croat and Albanian. But his tone was sombre, almost

despairing. "How can Christ's message of joy and hope be made to resound when so many parts of the world are submerged in sorrow and tears?" he asked. "How can we speak of peace when people are forced to flee, when they are hunted down and their homes are hurnt to the ground, when the heavens are rent by the din of war. when the whistle of shells is heard around people's homes and the ravaging fire of bombs consumes Pontiff's Easter plea is for 'a corridor of hope', writes Richard Owen in Rome



The Pope pauses yesterday during his Easter Mass

towns and villages?" St Peter's Square was decorated with olive trees from Apulia in southern Italy, the region which lies directly opposite Kosovo across the Adriatic. and which includes Gioia del Colle, near Bari, where 12 RAF Harriers are based.

The Pope, speaking in a strong voice despite recurrent illness, added sternly: "Enough of this cruel

shedding of human blood. When will there be an end to this diaboli-cal spiral of revenge and senseless

fratricidal conflict? He said he was invoking the "precious gift of peace" for "the devastated land of Kosovo, where tears and blood continue to mingle in a tragic spectacle of hatred and violence. I think of those who have been killed, of those made homeless, of those torn from their families, of those being forced to flee".

No one could remain insensitive to the "sorrowful flood of men and women from Kosovo who are knocking at our door begging for

help". The Pope, who had earlier appealed in vain for an Easter ceasefire, last week sent Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, his Foreign Minister, to Belgrade. Vadcan officials noted that the Orthodox Easter falls next weekend, a week after the Western celebration.

Yesterday the Pope said he felt duty bound to "make a heartfelt ap-peal to the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to allow a humanitarian corridor to be opened". There could be "no fronders to impede the work of solidarity; corridors of hope are always an

mperative". The Pope said he was also thinking of Africa, "where the distressing fires of war are slow to disappear"; of Asia, "where dangerous social tensions are far from abating", and Latin America, where nations were "committed to advancing on a laborious and uneven path towards the goals of greater

justice and democracy".

The Pope declared that "in the face of persistent evidence of war and the countless grievous defeats of life. Christ the conquerer of sins and death urges us not to surrender". He hoped the new millenni-um would overcome the culture of hatred, violence and death.

The Pope, who lived through the Second World War in his native Poland, surprised the crowd by changing his text at the start of the Mass. He said he wanted to dedicate the service "to peace in the Balkans, to respect for the rights of man in the martyred land of Kosovo and to the flood of refugees".

During the Mass, a participant at the altar read a special prayer saying: "We pray that in the Bal-kans, with goodwill from both sides, the weapons will fall silent and negotiations will be restarted aimed at a true and lasting peace."



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, making his entry to the cathedral yesterday before giving his Easter sermon

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Carey gives his blessing to bombing

By Elizabeth Judge and Ruth Gledhill

THE Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey. gave his support to the bombing of Yugoslavia yesterday in his

Easter sermon at Canterbury. Supporting Nato's bomb-ing operation, he said: "In the Balkans, the evil of ethnic cleansing is leading to the crucifizion of Kosovo as the refugee crisis continues. Military action thus far is recognition that the civilised world cannot stand by and accept

that evil should triumph." The passage, inserted into the address at the last minute, added that skills and energy of similar intensity should be employed in "saving and pro-tecting the lives of helpless and vulnerable people".

Dr Carey lamented the permanent nature of evil. He said: "Today we sing our Easter anthems but tomorrow violence, poverty, homelessness. greed, hatred, oppression and injustice will continue to plague our world."

Kosovo. Northern Ireland. Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo were among the places he named as examples of continuing hatred where "those whose trade is in continuing feuds and fostering violence have reaped a

rich and deadly harvest".

He added: "In these dying months of the second millennium the world has not been immunised from evil. One result of the extraordinary development of modern science and technology has been a dramatic increase in our capacity to inflict even more borrifying evils upon one another and the fragile earth

upon which we depend." Dr Carey asked the population to support the appeal for

refugees to be launched tornor-row by Christian Aid and other aid agencies.

The Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, also reflected on the nature of evil in the light of the conflict, warning that the conflict was unlikely to be resolved readily or easily.

Preaching in York Minster, Dr Hope said: "Over the centuries Christianity has borne enormous calamities in this and many nations as the strug-gle between good and evil has been fought out in God's creathat we celebrate the risen Christ's greeting and gift of peace against the background of conflict in Yugoslavia."

Dr Hope pleaded for a return to the necessition while

turn to the negotiating table. The search for peace is always complex and fraught with difficulties in any area of conflict - witness Northern Ireland and the Middle East - but that search must always be maintained."

He added: "The scenes we have been witnessing this last week must surely have caused us all to ponder and reflect more deeply on our human condition, on the frailty of our human nature and what it is which can provoke such hatred, wickedness and sheer evil - those hidden and hideous things which may be a little less blatantly obvious in our own lives, but only perhaps because our circumstances are so very different."

Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster. prayed "for the people of Kosovo suffering so greviously and for a return to negotiations lest a greater tragedy overtakes us all" and asked people to respond generously to requests for material help. The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford.

said: "What matters at this

Ethnic cleansing is leading to crucifixion of Kosovo?

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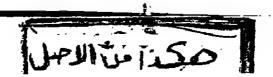
stage of the conflict is an early resolve to achieve the goal we have set ourselves. The danger is that a ruthless ruler like Milosevic can make us hesitate and weaken. But to weaken now is in effect to hand the world over to those who are prepared to raise the stakes even higher through their unrestrained cruelty, in this case ethnic deansing.

The Right Rev Richard Holloway. Bishop of Edinburgh. warned Christians not to treat the Resurrection as a "consoling fiction" and Jesus as a

"magical deliverer" who will rid the world of evil. He said that evil "stalks" cre-ation. He said: "Who among us this weekend is not filled with longing for peace in Yu-goslavia? Which of us does not long for justice on Earth? We must join the living Jesus in changing the world, not es-caping from it."



Cardinal Hume at Westminster Cathedral yesterday. He prayed for a return to negotiations over Kosovo



Americans to send in the Apaches

PRESIDENT Clinton last night faced increasing pressure to back the use of ground troops in Kosovo after images of three captured soldiers and thousands of wretched refugees appeared to have convinced a majority of Americans that this was now the

right thing to do.
A poll for Newsweek found that 54 per cent of Americans supported the use of ground troops and that 83 per cent beeved troops should be sent in with the specific mission of resruing the three prisoners of war. The popular tune was matched by an increasingly loud chorus from senior polm-

The news of the poll came as the Clinton Administration confirmed that it was responding to a plea from Wesley Clark, the Nato commander. to send Apache helicopter gunships to Albania. They are ex-pected to be based close to the Kosovo border with 2,000 ground troops and will then make raids on tank units and other Serb military targets. Senator John McCain, the Republican presidential candidate and former Vietnam PoW who has been leading the calls for troops to be sent into Kosovo, welcomed the deployment of Apaches as "a step in the right direction", but argued that moves to assemble a full

Damian Whitworth reports from Washington that Clinton is under pressure to use ground troops

force of ground troops should have begun long ago. "You can't win a war if you aren't go-ing to wage it. This situation needs to be remedied and remedied quickly, and the only way we are going to be able to do that is to bring the full might of the American and Nato military to bear," he said.

Mr McCain, who was held for five years in Vietnam jails, much of it in solitary confinement, said that he was unhappy with the gradual escalation of the conflict which he said was familiar to him from the Viemam War. "You have to go in heavily and that means you will see civilian casualoes. 1 don't like that, but it pales against what we are seeing in Kosovo now," he said.

Mr McCain's view echoes the philosophy of General Colin Powell, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Gulf War, who argues that when the US intervenes it must do so with massive force and said of the current Balkans conflict: 'The challenge of just using air power is that you leave it in the hands of your adversary to decide when

he's been punished enough." Warren Christopher, George Bush's Secretary of State, said in a Washington Post article yesterday that strong mobile forces should be placed in

Macedonia and Albania to pro-

tect those nations "and to

make it plain that no option

has been foreclosed." Significantly, Texas Gover-nor and Republican presidential favourite George W. Busb. who last week had been extremely vague about his views on Kosovo, told Time that he would back the use of ground troops if the military believed they were necessary. "America must be careful to commit our military. But when we do so, we must do so ferociously. Once in we should be in to win," he said.

The Clinton Administracion has repeatedly insisted that Nato ground troops would only enter Kosovo if there is a "permissive" environment in which a peace agreement could be enforced. Mr Clinton reiterated this firmly last week but used carefully qualified language to say that he bebility of achieving our mission with the means we have deployed . . . we have quite a good chance of achieving our

objectives."
There was confusion last night over whether the three captured soldiers, Christopher Stone. Steven Gonzales and Andrew Ramirez, will be forced to stand trial. Milan Bozic, Minister without Portfolio in the Yugoslav Government and Deputy Mayor of Belgrade, said on the ABC programme This Week, that the three would not be put on trial and suggested Red Cross officials would be able to visit them. "Of course, they will not be tried and they will be back in their homes as soon as this

stupidity stops," he said. The Pentagon welcomed the news but said it had been unable to verify if it was true. "If it is true, then it is in accordance with the Geneva Convention But we don't have any way of confirming it," said a spokesman. And the Yugoslav Ambassador to the United Nations, Vladislav Jovanovic, said an investigation into their actions was still under way. and a trial by a military court

was a possibility.

Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, said that the United States would take "several thousand" refugees from



President Clinton with Secret Service agents and his dog Buddy yesterday. He is under pressure to back the use of ground troops to rescue the captured US soldiers

Nato's birthday party is spoilt

THE shadow of war has fallen across Nato's 50th anniversary party and officials are scrambling to tone down the festiviões.

The three-day summit in Washington over the weekend of April 23-25 was shaping up to be a massive junket unoi

the bombing began.
Now. officials are emphasising the importance of the work to be done at the gathering of 19 Nato Heads of Government, plus another 23 from neighbouring countries known as the Partnership for Peace - a total of 1,900 dele-

White House aides are now choosing the word "commemoration", rather than "celebrarion", to describe the event.

As part of the more restrained atmosphere, a welcoming party thrown by the host committee and Washington's new mayor will probably be downgraded from a gala to a reception. Even the musical selections are being reconsidered, and guests will be urged to get involved in refugee relief

There will still be stylish lunches and dinners at the White House - but the mood will be more of sombre reflection than kicking up heels.



Former Presidents Carter, left, and Nixon: forced to

Hostages force rethink in the White House

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

CONFRONTED with three Americans held captive, President Clinton pledged that "the United States takes care of its own". But the seizure of the trio by Serb forces ratchets up the pressure on the White House where aides know how episodes have dragged other presidents into awkward decisions and com-

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Stony-faced and haggard. Jimmy Carter appeared on television in 1980 to recount the desert failure of his mititary

Poignant images of Americans in captivity tear at the nation's heartstrings ³

operation to rescue 52 Americans held hostage in the United States Embassy in Tehran. Seven months later. Mr Carter lost to Ronald Reagan and only then were the hostages released. Mr Reagan in turn fell victim to the natural urge to help his countrymen snatched by terrorists from

the streets of Beirut. Lacking his usual aplomb. he went on television to insist: The United States has not swapped boatloads of weapons for hostages." But arms had indeed been traded for freedom and the affair mushroomed into the Iran-Contra

scandal Richard Nixon's push 10 end the Vietnam war was underscored by his urgent need to bring home downed American pilots held in a jail nicknamed the Hanoi Hillon. Their immediate release in exchange for an end to the bombing of North Vietnam lay at the heart of the 1973 agreement ending America's com-

One of those POWs, John McCain, held for five-and-ahalf years after he was shot down and now a Republican senator, said that the arrest of three soldiers on the Kosovo border, sad though it was, should not influence Nato's prosecution of the conflict.

Several occupants of the Hanoi Hitton were forced under duress to make anti-American propaganda statements to the cameras, a tactic that backfired by generating fury in

The crew of the USS Pueblo, a reconnaissance ship captured by North Korea 30 years ago, were also displayed but managed to convey their views to viewers at bome with certain obscene gestures unknown to their captors.

There have been other poignant images of Americans in captivity to tear at the nation's heartstrings. A navy pilot, Lieutenant Jeffrey Zaun, his face swollen and wounded, was seen on videotape dur-

ing the Gulf War. Michael Durant, a chief warrant officer, appeared cul and bruised after his helicopter was shot down in Somalia six years ago.

With Americans in enemy hands and facing an uncerjain fate, people at home feel an emotional bond and are drawn together, according to Clydie Morgan, keeper of records for American Ex-Prisoners of War.

In her view. American presidents tend to run into trouble when the US takes the lead as the world's policeman and its

citizens are seized. "Then we have to weigh the lives of the PoWs with the importance of what we're doing." she said.

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BALKANS WAR: THE AIR CAMPAIGN

Nato forgets hard lessons of Vietnam

WITH hindsight, Nato would probably have carried out Operation Allied Force the other way round. Instead of inidally bombing with kid gloves and aiming almost exclusively at air defence sites, the alliance would have gone for the biggest blow on day

A massive air raid on Belgrade, knocking out all the key ministries linked to the "ethnic cleansing" operations in Kos-ovo and striking at President Milosevic's powerbase might - just might - have taken the Yugoslav leader so much by surprise that he would have changed his tactics.

Instead, with the help of Nato's daily briefings informing him what action the alliance bombers would be tak-



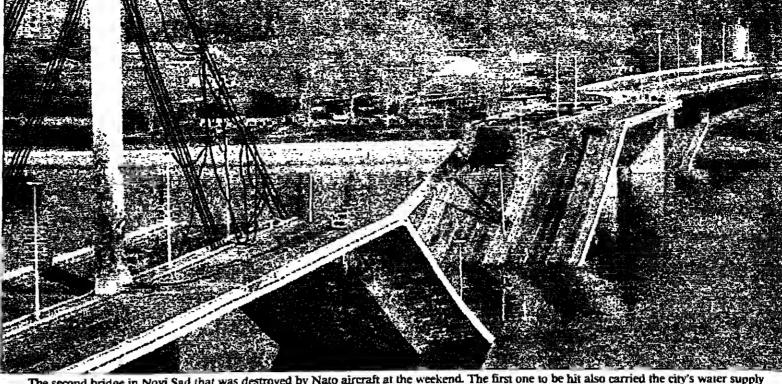
Michael Evans, Defence Editor, finds the inflexible bombing campaign flawed by its predictability

ing, Mr Milosevic and his generals have been able to predict events each day and take pre-

cautions. Mr Milosevic knew - as everyone else did — that cruise missiles were going to attack his Interior Ministry buildings in the centre of Belgrade some time between last Thursday and the weekend. That was because General Wesley Clark, Nato's Supreme Allied Commander in charge of Operacion Allied Force, had been

authorised by 19 ambassadors to expand his targets to include such locations. No one imagines that the Interior Ministries were filled with hardworking state security police burning the midnight oil

when the Tomahawks arrived. While the Nato air campaign has followed a predictable doctrine and strategy — a surprisingly inflexible one despite Nato's post-Cold War policy of guaranteeing flexibility to meet the new unpredictable



The second bridge in Novi Sad that was destroyed by Nato aircraft at the weekend. The first one to be hit also carried the city's water supply

world - Mr Milosevic succeeded in surprising the alliance. No one was fully prepared for the merciless onslaught by Yugoslav forces against the ethnic Albanians once the bombing began.

Douglas Henderson, the

Armed Forces Minister, mied yesterday to describe the scale of the ethnic cleansing by comparing the flood of refugees to the populations of towns in

He said: "The number of refugees who left Kosovo in the

24 hours to 10am vesterday was estimated at 70,000 equivalent to a town the size of Hastings. The total number estimated to have left Kosovo since March 24 (when the bombing started) is 370,000. equivalent to the population of

Bristol." He concluded: "Taking into account displaced persons still within Kosovo, the iotal number of refugees and displaced persons is estimated at more than 650,000, which is more than twice the population of my home town. New-

Nato leaders will argue that decisions had to be made without the benefit of hindsight. and that the step-by-step approach to hombing was both practical - first hitting targets which most threatened allied pilots - and publicly

acceptable. However, in approving such a policy. Nato became predictable, Mr Milosevic would have known, from one chat with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, that Nato worried intensely about losing pilots and that its top priority would be to go for the integrated air defence system.

In response, by comparison with what he could have unleashed the Yugoslav leader kept his surface-to-air missile systems largely hidden away. knowing that, whenever any of his radars locked on to aircraft. Nato's superior technology would be able to pounce.

It would have been politically difficult for Nato governments - who were hoping that a few days of air raids would bring Mr Milosevic to his senses — to authorise over-

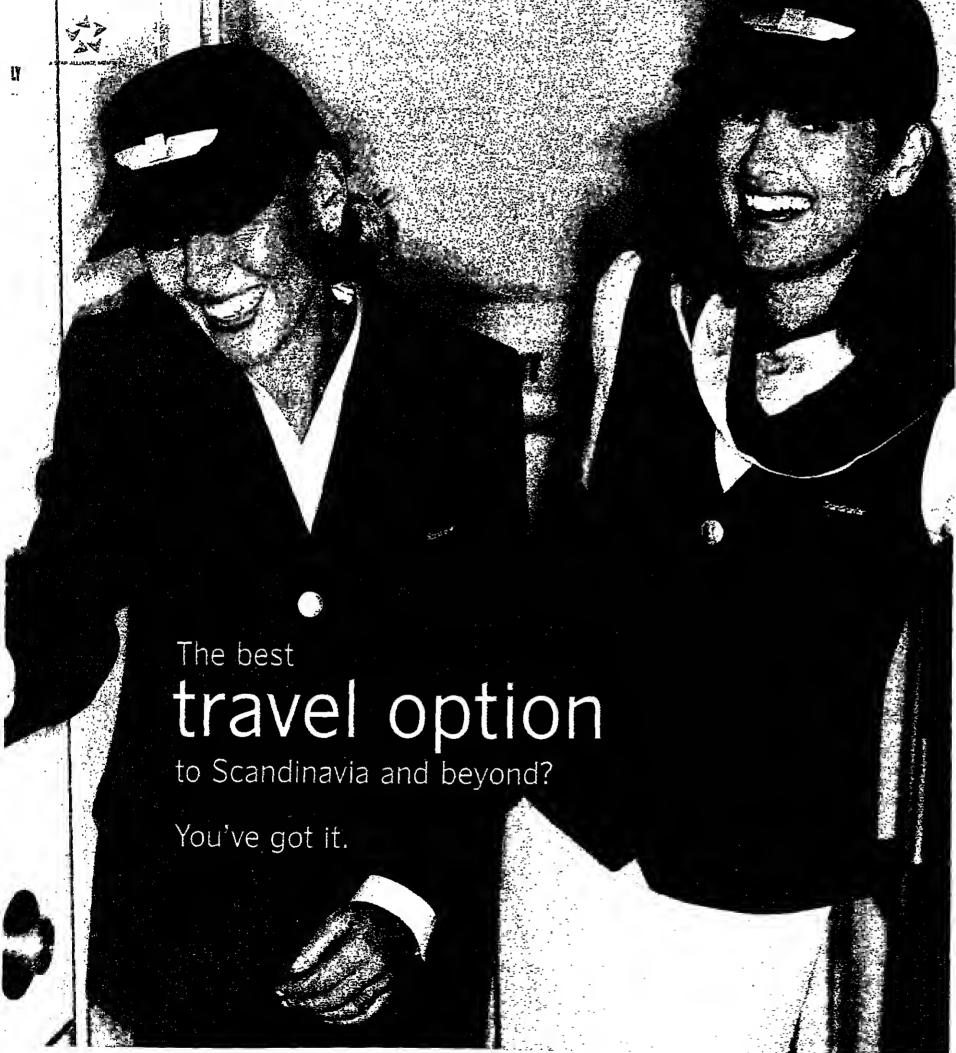
whelming airstrikes on Belgrade on the first night. This was not after all, a Saddam situadun. In 1991 nearly 40 countries - blessed with a United Nations mandate had the authority and public support to hit Saddam as hard as necessary to force Iraqi troops out of Kuwait.

There is no such mandate for Kosovo, and the level of bombing up until now has reflected the political difficulties that have constrained the 19 Nato governments since March 24.

Now, however, as can be judged by the dramatically expanded level of targeting. Nato has decided to go for the big-bang concept, striking at anything that can be even remotely defined as having a link to Mr Milosevic's military machine.

But it is difficult to feel confident about the way Nato governments have proceeded thus far. The prouble is a crucial lesson from Vietnam has been forgotten. Nato has mounted an air campaign on the basis that superior firepower will win.

But, as the Americans learnt to their cost in Vietnam, a small unit of camouflaged Vietcong, armed with Kalashnikovs and rocket-propelled grenades, can prove to be an equal match, even for a superpower, when operating on



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BALKANS SUMMARY

Serbs 'faked' film of Kosovo leader

Brussels: Serbian television film of Ibrahim Rugova, the moderate Kosovo Albanian leader, meeting President Milosevic and calling for an end to bombing were faked by Belgrade and he is under effective house arrest in Pristina, Jamie Shea, the Nato spokesman, said (Charles Bremner writes). The pictures which Belgrade television claimed was a meeting last week had in fact been taken from video footage of the Kosovo leader talking to Mr Milosevic two years ago about an education initiative, he said. Mr Rugova's message was a call for the cessation of violence, not Nato bombing, but it had been falsified. Mr Shea added.

Spy ship enters Aegean

Athens: A Russian spy ship, on its way to monitor developments in Yugoslavia. entered the Aegean Sea en route for the Adriatic. Greek military officials reported Liman. an unarmed reconnaissance vessel, will act as Moscow's eyes and ears on Western warships supporting Nato's air war against Yugoslavia. Two Greek Navy vessels will "observe" the ship's passage, an official said. Greece has voiced opposition to the Nato bombings. (AFP)

Aid workers missing

Sydney: Two Australian aid workers were still missing in Yugoslavia, four days after they set out from Belgrade intending to help refugees fleeing Kosovo. The aid organisation CARE Australia said it had fresh evidence that Steven Pratt and Peter Wallace had been detained while trying to cross the Yugoslav border into Croatia on Wednesday. "We believe they are still being held somewhere in the border area," a spokesman said. (Reuters)

Fischer delays wedding

Bonn: The wedding of Joschka Fischer, the German Foreign Minister, to Nicola Leske was postponed because of the Kosovo conflict. Bild am Sonntag reported. Herr Fischer, 50, and Fraulein Leske, 29, were to be married next Sunday, but Bild quoted the minister's friends as saying that he was overworked and had been "tired for days and days". The paper said the wedding would instead take place on April 17. (AFP)



BALKANS WAR: MORALE IN SERBIA

Bombs fail to halt defiance in Belgrade

AFTER their Interior Ministries were blown up on Saturiay morning. Belgraders said that Nato would not have the nerve to strike again. Not on their Easter Sunday, they said. No God-fearing nation, not even the Western aggressors, could do that.

But at 4.30 yesterday morning the unthinkable happened. Tomahawk missiles ripped apart the main central heating plant for the sprawling suburh of New Belgrade, unleashing a rapid series of diesel fuel ignitions that reverberated with biblical proportions over the sleeping city.

It took until the spring sun was fully up for the flames and smoke to subside, and for the extent of the damage and casualties to sink in. Rows of apartment blocks along Juri Gagarin Street had their windows and even doors blown in, and it seemed a miracle that only three people died in the blast — as Yugoslav, army sources declared later.

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And so yesterday was spent clearing up the mess, and asking which bits of civilian infrastructure Nato would declare to have military uses next. As well as the heating plant, Nato also hit an oil refinery at Panceyo, outside Belgrade, and two more bridges in the north-

em Vojvodina province,
A police academy in Belgrade was partly destroyed, a
white goods factory in the central town of Cacak was targeted again, and fuel depots were
blown up near Krajlevo and
Smederevo.

"When you live in such stress, you don't feel anything," said Olga, a 32-yearold musician whose family had the misfortune to live 200 yards away from the central heating plant. The was so con-



Tom Walker witnesses the destruction in Belgrade as anger grows against Nato's stepped-up attacks

fused yesterday morning that she could not remember whether she had felt the searing heat from the blast or not all she recalled was that her piano saved her from most of the flying glass that once was a French window, and that somehow her two canaries, Giki and Chirokee, also survived. "For some reason you feel more sorry for your pets than anyone else," she said.

Despite the devastation, women emerging from the

We keep our idiots in the madhouse: you keep yours in the White House?

twelve-storey tower blocks had their hair done and make-up on. As immaculate as any Slavs on a Sunday morning, they showed a burning defiance to Nato tactics designed to break the nation's spirit.

"We keep our idiots in the madhouse: you keep yours in the White House," said one placard propped against the US Embassy.

In Belgrade's central Republic Square, the mood of Serbs was no better illustrated than



Reporters visit a Belgrade building that was bombed yesterday. A security guard was killed

in the daily "music against bombs" concert. Those held over the weekend were more elaborate than last week's — impressive in their sound quality and passion. The theme tune of the Yugoslav Army spot on television was performed by a full orchestra, and folk songs dating back to the Turkish occupation left many on the stage and in the audience in tears.

As the damage to central Belgrade increases, the welcome given to foreign journalists diminishes. Several reporters were arrested over the weekend in their scramble to be first to witness the pyrotechnics, and the army press service tried to strengthen its control over the media pack.

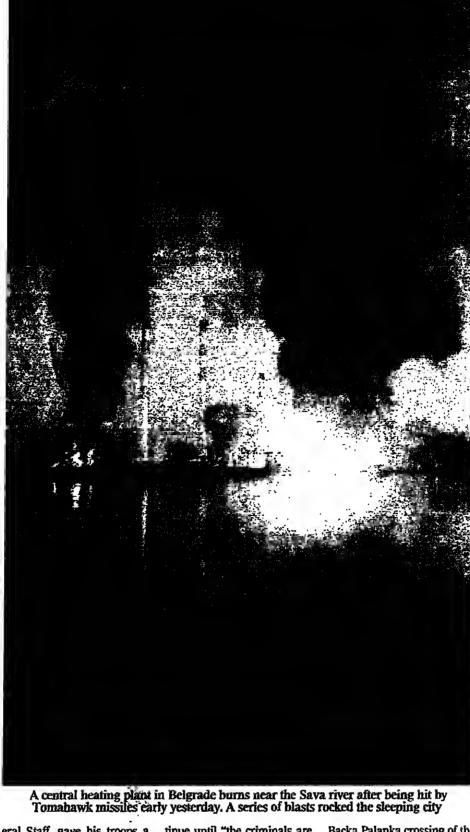
Satellite television channels like CNN and Sky have been vigorously criticised on state media and accused of ignoring the suffering in Belgrade—especially that of the young mothers and their babies in the maternity ward of the hospital just a block away from the wrecked Interior Ministry.

"Hatred for America, Britain and Albanians is what I feel because of all this, although I know that is irrational. What is a spectacle for you is pain for us," said one resident of the affluent suburb of Dedenje, He stood in his pyjamas watching diesel dumps around the central heating plant throw balls of fire into the dawn.

Shortly after the Interior Ministry was blown up on Saturday, hundreds of Belgraders formed a human chain over the nearby motorway bridge. They were there again on Saturday right, and Vuk Draskovic, the federal Deputy Prime Minister, said the human shield tactic was being used to thwart Nato all around the country.

At the Kragujevac car plant in central Serbia, workers sent Brussels an e-mail, giving the map co-ordinates of the factory where they were holding a round-the-clock candle-lit vigil.

If the bombs have failed to dent the civilian spirit, they appeared to make the military only more heroic. Dragoljub Ojdanic, the Chief of the Gen-



eral Staff, gave his troops a rousing address, talking of a Nato that planned to "mutilate" the living flesh of our country". He went on: "The aggressors have been launching and continue to promote hazy and constructed fabrications about preserving peace in the Balkans with a war; about using bombs, fire, new cemeteries and mutilations to prevent a human catastrophe. As far as we are concerned, no honest man in this country will ever accept to serve such criminal

General Ojdanic said public backing for the Nato campaign in the West was slipping, and he told his troops the fight against Nato would continue until "the criminals are expelled from our skies and away from our borders". The alliance was driven by a "drunkenness based on power and new imperialist dreams". Helping to ram home his message, state television showed a series of military bunkers in Kosovo containing MiG fighter jets and other hardware apparently beyond Nato's reach.

Radio Television Serbia said that the latest attack on a bridge in Novi Sad had left many people missing. Search parties were trying to salvage cars from the Danube, it said. Military sources said they could think of few reasons to destroy the "Freedom Bridge," and none to hlow apart the

Backa Palanka crossing of the Danube linking Serbia and Croatia — about as far from Kosovo as possible in Serbia. Diplomats, speculated that Nato might be planning to somehow isolate northern Serbia, and the theory was given credence by the destruction of the railway line linking Belgrade and Montenegro. A short section of the line passes through Bosnia, where it was hlown up on Saturday by units from the Nato-led stabilisation force near the town of

Afarmer, Vidoje Tomic, was killed in the blast. His death was thought likely to unite the Bosnian Serbs with their kin in the struggle against Nato.



Demonstrators denounce Nato's airstrikes at a rally in Belgrade's Republic Square yesterday

British wife is ashamed over bombing 'lies'

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

THE British wife of a Yugoslav national trapped beneath Nato's bombardment of Belgrade yesterday said that she felt so "torn up and ashamed" of her country's role in the airstrikes that she has only just re-emerged in public.

re-emerged in public.

But Janice Mrdjenovic admitted that, since she has shown her face again in the Zvezdara suburb, ber home for the past 13 years, she had been "very deeply touched" by the reactions of her neighbours. "You can't be in Belgrade and not start to feel some admiration for these people." she added, attaching an anti-Nato protest tag to the family dog, Bonnie.

She said the bombing campaign had cleared up any lingering identity crisis for her eldest son. Branco. 16. "He has absorbed this feeling from his friends over the last week or so about being a Serb. If he ever had difficulty over his identity, then over the last week he has solved it."

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Her youngest child, Stevan, is nine, and the middle boy Marco is 13. But despite wanting to keep them all in peace and safety, the financial costs of evacuation were prohibitive. So for the past ten days she and her artist husband, Dusan, have arranged a temporary bomb shelter in the basement of their spaclous, detached house, and clung to the hope that Nato's smart technology is as accurate as is claimed.

"I didn't believe that we'd ever be in this position with a British Government. They say they're not bombing the Scrb people," complained Janice, who was born in London. "Well, it's very difficult to say that to someone lying in hospital missing a leg at this moment 'this idea that you are not bombing us, but we just out in the way."

got in the way."

While her two eldest boys were coping well with the

stress, she said she was worried about the psychological consequences for Stevan. "I heard him mumbling in his sleep 'you're killing me'—

his sleep 'you're killing me'—
he could have got it from his
Bond game on his Nintendo
or it could have come from the
situation we're in. There's
bound to be some effect."

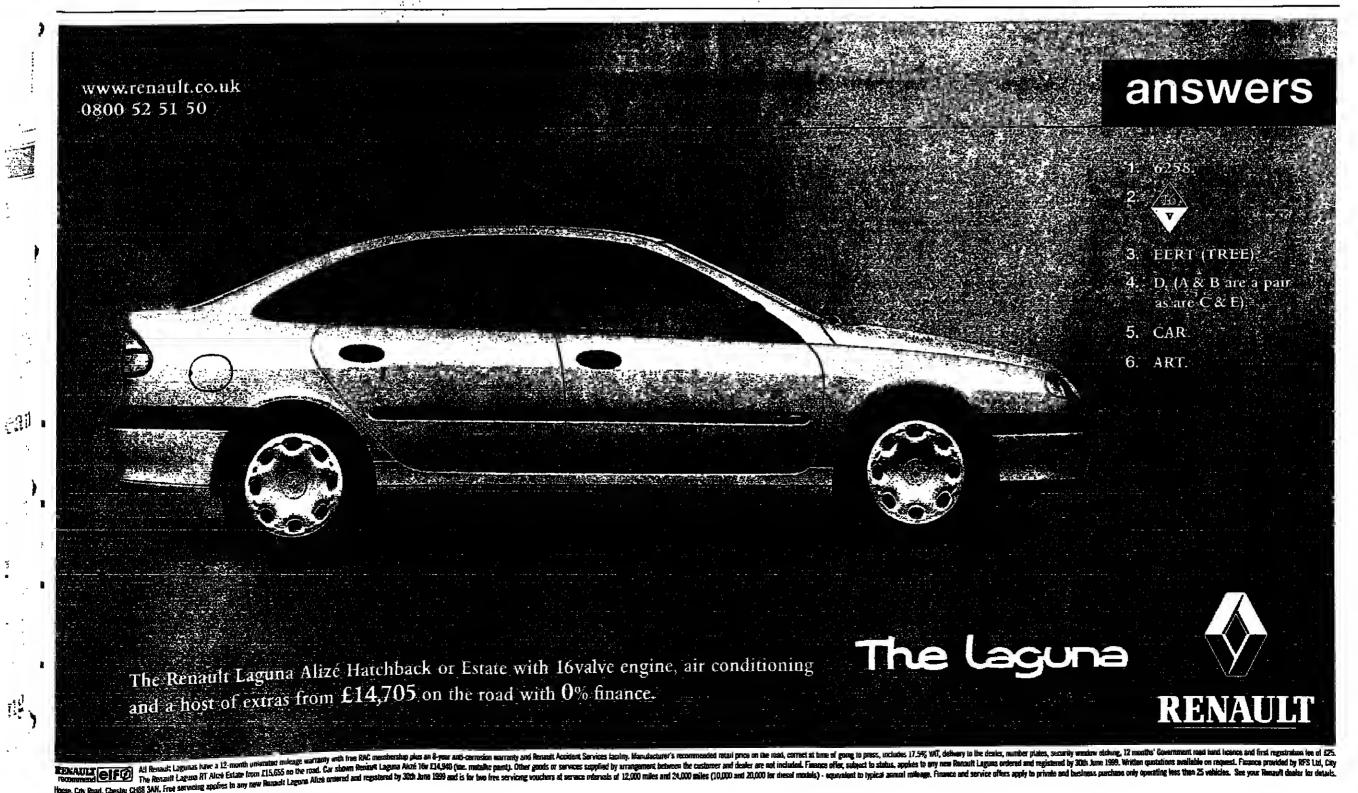
Just before Branco came home, sbe confessed that she was thankful his Yugoslav military service is still at least one year away. "I thank God that he's 17 in May, that age, and not 18.". Smoking constantly, Janice sbowed a diary that she had been writing about Nato's nightly rain of terror. Dusan played with Bonnie and the boys in the garden, enjoying the respite of a warm afternoon and looking forward to the time when they have barbecues again. "They're obviously not afraid of God with their lies," he said of Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and his fellow backers of the strikes.

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Janice's writing reflects upon the differences of being English and Serbian, and the pride felt by Serbs despite all that Nato throws at them. "I think maybe the English are more in love with their Englishness than their homeland the Serbs are more in love with their homeland than being at ease with themselves."

When she first ventured out to the shops again after spending the first four days of the bombing campaign locked up indoors, the man in the local cigarette and newspaper kiosk had assured her that "there are all sorts all over the world". Then in the supermarket the woman behind the counter had shouted: "Heh, neighbour, you look as young today as you did ten years ago."

Janice commented: "It showed everyone that I was a local, and put me at ease. I won't forget that."



NEWS IN BRIEF

Railtrack must take on cleaning duties

A legal loophole that meant no one was responsible for cleaning up litter on the railways has finally been plugged. New laws will make Railtrack responsible for keeping the tracks, stations, embankments and sidings clean. Previously. British Rail had been made responsible for the job, but it was oot handed on to train companies when the railways

were privatised by the last government.

Campaigners, such as the Tidy Britain Group, and the train companies, have complained of a steady build-up of rubbish oo railways across the country, leading to fires triggering the shorting of electrical equipment and trains hav-ing to slow down at certain places.

Jails lag on tagging

Prisons are being urged to speed up the release of prisoners under the new electronic tagging scheme, launched two months ago, after fears that only 30 per cent of eligible prisoners are being freed early because prison chiefs are being over-cautious. So far, 3,045 immates have been released - 4 per cent of whom have been recalled to jail either for re-offending or breaching their curfew. The Prisoo Service is hailing the results a success and says the oumbers will rise steadily each week until the end of April, when they will probably flatten out.

Long hop for On a wing giant toads and a prayer

prising line in self-defence are doing fine after stowing away for 3,000 miles io a car's engine compartment. Io Florida, Tommy and Tina. the 10 inch marine toads, had hopped aboard a Mustang being shipped to a car collector in Sheffield, Their matiog call gave them away: the collector heard "a sort of throaty grinding noise" comiog from under the bonnet. He was well advised to call in the experts: when the toads feel threatened, they reply with a jet of urine. The pair

A Boeing 737 had a near-miss when a hang glider flew into its path at 6.500ft. The crew of the passenger plane, which was about to begin its descent into Manchester airport. kept their nerve and did not need to change course. The glider, who has not been found, is believed to have drifted in on a thermal current before floating to safety, Keith Bill spokesman for the British Airline Pilots' Association.

said: "I have never come

across anything like this."

The Civil Aviation Authority

Book celebrity aged 10

At IO. Lizzie Broughton is a Times Free Books for Schools celebrity, after the paper published her letter complaining that her mother made her scour the Science Museum cafe for unwanted tokens. Since then, letters, tokens and e-mails have been flooding into her Twickenham bome. The fanaticism of the Broughton family's search stems from the fact that they have three schools to collect for - Lizzie's, her sisters' and the school where her mother. Ann. teaches. The family would like to thank everyone who has sent Lizzie tokens and asks that any others be sent to her school, Trafalgar Junior School io Twickenham.



A "colour party" of the IRA attending an Easter Rising rally yesterday in Crossmaglen, Northern Ireland, as Sinn Fein leaders sought to keep the peace process on track

Keep the guns, say hardliners



McGuinness: called for trust in Sinn Fein

THE message was clear yesterday as hundreds gathered in Dundalk to remember the rebels of the 1916 Easter Rising: no decommissioning, no surrender.

Giving up their weapons would be like saying the IRA was responsible for everything that happened in the past 30 years." said Catherine as she prepared for the annual parade to the republican plot in the town cemetery. "It would be like saying it was their fault. They aren't to blame and nobody should try to force them into handing over any weapons."

She was wearing a paper Easter lily pinned to the lapel of her black leather jacket in a show of solidarity with the men and women who fought against British forces in 1916. She believes that the IRA and republicans are still fighting for the same ideals and that the peace process is just the latest phase in the lengthy battle.

Sinn Fein leaders used Easter rallies across Ireland to seek to restore confidence and faith among in their party members yesterday. to placate grassroots fears of a sell-out by calling the latest demands for IRA decommissioning of weapons "dangerous and pro-vocative" and not part of the Good Friday Agreement.

Dundalk is the heartland of republicanism in the Irish Republic. Only ten miles south of the border, it was to Dundalk that repubAudrey Magee reports on Sinn Fein's struggle to reassure its supporters

licans fled for shelter from British security forces. For decades it was an IRA and Sinn Fein stronghold where thousands turned out for the annual Easter Sunday parade. Since the peace process, the numers have dwindled and splits have formed. Dundalk is now better known as the heartland of the "Real" IRA, the dissident group that bombed Omagh last year, killing 29 people.

About 300 attended the parade yesterday but the Sinn Fein sup-porters in Dundalk acted as though they were still in control. They met in huddled groups to discuss last week's Hillsborough declaration. Jim, who like most people declined to give his surname. said that he was growing "increasingly sceptical" of the entire peace process. It had crossed his mind to transfer to one of the dissident groups but would stick around for a little longer to see how things worked out. But he ruled out decommissioning. "Orange marching and July 12 is only around the corner," he said. "There is no way the IRA will go through this sum-

mer without arms." Addressing the crowd after wreath-laying, Martin McGuin-

Sinn Fein to push the agreement through without "the surrender of the IRA". He said: "Every day since Good Friday of last year, the Unionist political leadership has done everything in its power to rewrite, redraft and renegotiate the Good Friday Agreement and it is not on. It is not on because the agreement has been endorsed by the majority of the people on this island. We in Sinn Fein find totally unreasonable and unacceptable the Unionist demands for surrender by the IRA." He warned the crowd not be confused or waylaid

riv in crise week and the peace process

We are going to back in there on

I have assured David Trimble that I will continue to do my best to find a way out of the impasse. But that is a shared responsibility and none of us has

the right to remove the democratic mandate of any section of our people or to step outside the

a way forward through this

DUNDALK

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by others. During the biggest Easter ceremony, at Milltown Cemetery in Belfast, the Sinn Fein chairman. Mitchel McLaughlin, told a crowd of more than 1,000: "The agreement is clearly in crisis. Another deadline passed this week and the peace process remains in considerable doubt."

At a rally in Dublin, Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president. said: "One of the provocations has been the demand on the IRA to disarm. This is something which the IRA has made clear it feels under no obligation to do. The danger of all this to the quest for justice in ness called on supporters to trust the north has been pointed out

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many times to the British and Irish Governments."

The rallies were the first time that Sinn Fein addressed their supporters since the London and Dublin Governments finished 20 hours of talks on Thursday with a declaration calling for progress on disarmament. Sinn Fein sought to distance itself from the declaraoon yesterday, insisting it was a government document that they

had not signed. But despite the warnings of unease within republican ranks, Ulster Unionists still insisted that the Provisionals would begin to hand over weapons and explosives within weeks. David Trimble. First Minister and UUP leader, said that he believed republicans were "up" for accepting the joint declaration at Hillsborough. which would clear the path for its members to share power in Ul-

ster's new ruling executive. "I think we have cracked it now," he said. "There are still some things to be done but we are getting into the foothills now and

the road is getting easier." All sides now have a week to decide their response. Mr Trimble is under pressure from members to reject any suggested link between Army demilitarisation and terrorist decommissioning. Sinn Fein will this week begin a round of negotiations with members to gauge reactions to Hillsborough.

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און און זווייט ווליסע THE TIMES MONDAY APRIL 5 1999 New investigation of black student's death

Police to look at whether teenager was pushed off railway bridge,

reports Stewart Tendler

THE investigation into the death of an 18-year-old black student has been relaunched after an internal police review criticised the initial inquiry. Senior officers from Scot-

land Yard and the British Transport Police are awaiting the results of a second postmortem examination on Daniel Blake, whose body was found on a railway line be-neath a road bridge in North London three years ago. A new team is investigating whether Daniel was pushed from the bridge or jumped to escape pursuit.

The action was taken after sure from Bernie Blake, Daniel's father, forced a re-view by a senior transport police detective. Police are satisfied that Daniel did not die as a result of a racist attack, but alleged errors again raise the issues of how police treat black victims and their families; and raise fears of a Stephen Lawrence-style controversy.

The case was initially handled by the Metropolitan Police, who handed it to the transport police. The review found that Daniel's parents were unaware that he was dead for nearly three days after he was found although they had reported him missing and checked with police several

If police had known that the body on the line was Daniel's,

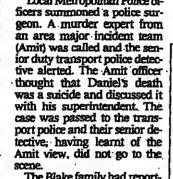
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they might have promptly investigated reports that he had been involved in a fight at a house hours before he died. His clothing was incinerated without being forensically examined.

For months, the review concluded, the investigation drifted with little progress. Al-though Mr Blake pressed for action the police failed to find a number of suspects.

Daniel was found by a train driver on a freight line below Dudden Hill Lane in Harles-den on Saturday, March 23, 1996. The previous night a friend had dropped him at a house in nearby Kensal Green, where he was going to meet a former girlfriend. Dan-iel had no police record and there is no evidence of any drug involvement in his death. Local Metropolitan Police of-

The Blake family had reported Daniel missing at Harles-



den police station at 6.45pm on



The railway line on which Daniel's body was found

Interview with **Lawrence Five** disgusts family

By CAROL MIDGLEY AND MICHAEL HARVEY

THE decision to make a current affairs programme featuring lengthy interviews with the five men suspected of killing the black teenager Stephen Lawrence was defended by Granada Television yester-

Stephen's parents, Neville and Doreen Lawrence, said they were disgusted and shocked that Granada should give a voice to the five men, Jamie and Neil Acourt, Gary Dobson, Luke Knight and David Norris. They are considering asking the public to boy-

con the programme. Executives insisted that the interviews, expected to be broadcast by ITV on Thursday, were "meticulous and exhaustive" and would bring "important new material" to light. They said that the programme, to be hosted by Trevor McDonald, was "not a platform for these men to prop-

agate racist views". The Metropolitan Police have started legal proceedings to gain access to all the tapes, which last several hours, under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. However, they have agreed to wait until the material has been transmitted

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before taking further action. None of the five has ever faced a full trial for Stephen's murder. The private prosecution begun by the Lawrence family in 1995, after the Crown Prosecution Service had decided not to proceed, ended when three of them were acquitted at the Old Bailey when evidence was ruled inadmissible; charges against the two others had

been dropped. A friend of Mr and Mrs Lawrence, Ros Howells, said that they had known about the programme for some time and felt that it was in very bad taste. Ms Howells said: These five men have had ample opportunity to say what they want to say at the inquest and at the judicial inquiry. At both they were told they were free to speak and they avoided answering the questions."

Imran Khan, the Lawrences' solicitor, said: "This should have been aired in a courtroom, not on TV. We were led to believe the family's views would be taken into consideration. But it seems it was going to happen whether they liked it or not."

However, a spokesman for Granada said that Mr and Mrs Lawrence had been approached before the interviews took place in an attempt to discuss the programme with them. The dialogue is continuing but we have not yet been invited to meet them." the spokesman said. He added that the men had been interviewed separately by Martin Bashir, the former Panorama reporter. The men had not been allowed to discuss their interviews with each other.

Dimbleby decries 'banality' of

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

DAVID DIMBLEBY, the BBC broadcaster, has denounced prime-time television as "ghastly, voyeuristic and banal", and says he now prefers to listen to the

Mr Dimbleby, who presents Question Time and is one of the BBC's most respected television anchormen, is particularly critical of the BBC's live National Lottery show and its Comic Relief "telethous". He found it "mindboggling that anyone would want to watch them. He similarly dismissed Who Wants to be a Millionaire, the ITV quiz show that has achieved au-

diences of 19 million, as "unbelicvable banality" By contrast, he said, his own three-part BBC2 television series on the history of Rhodesia was one of the few examples left of good



Daniel Blake parents

not told he was dead March 23. Later that day Mr Blake discovered his son had gone to the Kensal Green house and went there. He was told that Daniel had been in a row and been asked to leave. Mr Blake called police, who went to the house. No connection was made with the body on the line or the fact that a neighbour had reported a

On the Monday evening a lo-cal officer from the Kilburn station told the Blakes about the

fight outside the house on the

the body on the railway line. According to Mr Blake a transport police officer arrived with a picture of the body the next day and asked the family to identify him. Mr Blake could not bear to look at the picture. He says that he was told his son had committed suicide.A post-mortem examination concluded that Daniel had died from injuries suffered in a fall. The transport police spent four months investigating, but lack of progress prompted Mr Blake to write to senior officers

asking for more action. Police deny that there was racism in the way the case was handled, but Detective Superintendent Graham Satchwell, the transport police officer said: "It was clear that not all that could have been done was done. Mr Blake could have expected greater sensitivity from the police service."

In January 1997 an inquest returned an open verdict. Eight black men and women ere arrested but the Crown Prosecution Service advised that there was insufficient evidence to bring a case.



Girls at the Khalsa Tricentenary parade in Hounslow, West London, yesterday celebrating the Sikh nations' birth

Police ambush 25mph pensioner

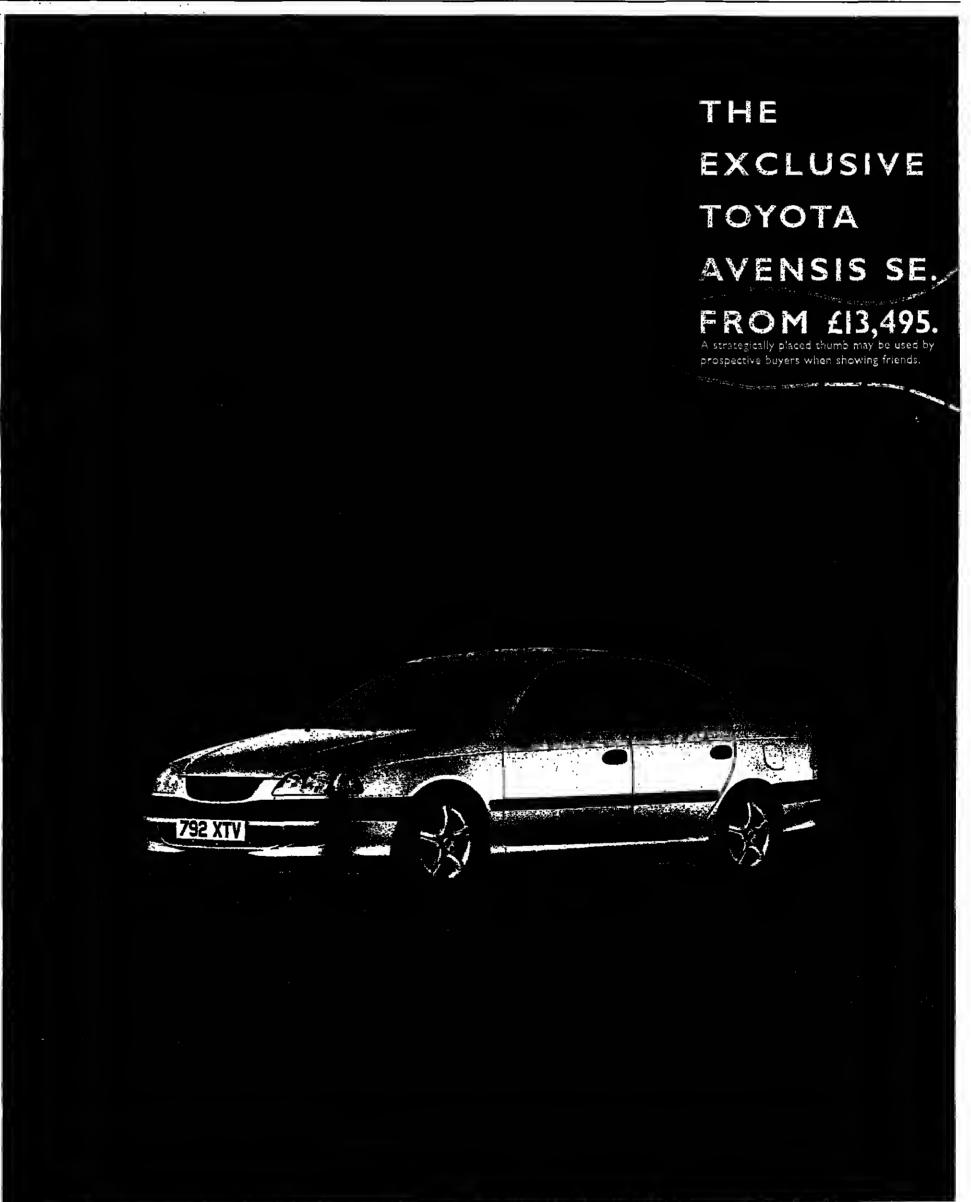
A POLICE patrol set off in cold pursuil when it spotted an elderly woman driv-

ing erratically in the early hours. The police switched on their flashing light hut the driver pressed on at a functeal pace. In a low-speed chase lasting half an hour, the milometer touched 25 miles an hour oa downhill stretches as Annaleise

road and clipped the occasional kerb in her 14-year-old Nissan Stanza. After failed attempts to persuade her to pull over, the police radioed for help and the target car was brought to a halt in the village of Hollym, Humberside, by the deployment of a police "stinger" device

age speeders in stolen cars.

At Hull magistrates' courts, Mrs Wood, of Anlaby Park, Hull, was fined £120 and disqualified for 18 months for failing to provide a breath specimen. A neighbour said: "She's a respectable lady. It seems totally out of character."



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Fowler in apology for drug stunt

Robbie Fowler, the Liverpool and England footballer, tast night apologised for gestures he made while celebratiog a goal against Everton on Saturday, when he anneared to mimie drug-taking. Fowler. who is already in trouble after in February allegedly tauoting the Chelsea player Graeme Le Saux over his sexuality, said that he now realised that his actions had caused "great offence" and regretted them.

Merseyside Police have started an investigation into the incident, in which the striker dropped to the white line to act as if snorting cocaine. The Football Association is considering disciplinary proceed-Sport, page 28

CS replacement

Police may conduct trials of a synthetic chemical that could replace CS spray. Pelargonic acid vanillylamide (PAVA). does not use the CS spray's propellant, MIBK, which a study for the Home Office said may be carcinogenic.

Britons on trial

The trial of eight Britons accused of plotting terrorism is expected to resume in Yemen today, although defence lawvers are boycotting the proceedings in protest at not being allowed to talk to their clients privately in prison.

Tipping trap

Cameras hidden in empty soft-drink cans are being used to catch people dump-ing rubhisb in the Oxfordshire countryside. Council and Environment Agency staff plan to use the films as evidence for prosecutions.

Number's up

The number 13 has been banned for new houses after developers feared they would not sell. A spokesman for Test Valley Council in Hamp-shire said: "Estate agents asked us to leave off 13. 16 could be unlucky for some."

Lockerbie trial officials set to receive suspects

A GROUP of Arab diplomats yesterday headed to Libya for the expected handover of the two Lockerhie bomb suspecis to the United Nations.

The group, led by Ahmed Ben Heli, the Arab League's assistant secretary-general, flew to the Tunisian island of Jerha, from where they were to be driven over the border to Tripoli. They cannot fly, as Libya is subject to United Nations sanctions banning flights until the two men arrive in Europe.

Witnesses from six Arab countries, including Egypt, Syria, Morocco and Tunisia. will oversee the delivery of the suspects. Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, 46, and Lamine Khalifa Fhimeh, 42, to Hans Corell, the UN's chief legal

He will then fly them to Holland, where they will be tried under Sconish law, Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the Arah League's Secretary-General. expected the extradition hearing to begin "in the next few days, the next 24 or 48 hours" and praised Colonel Gaddafi for flexibility in agreeing to provide the pair for trial over their alleged involvement in the death of 270 people in December 1988 when a bomb exploded on board Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie.

He said: "By handing over

Arab diplomats

oversee the transfer of two Libyans to UN custody, reports Stephen Farrell

the two suspects to the jurisdicnon of a Scottish court, I think Libya has shown goodwill to put an end to this and lift the sanctions. We hope this will clear relations between the Arab world, particularly Lib-va, and the United States and the United Kingdom."

He also paid tribute to the diplomatic efforts of Egypt. Saudi Arabia and South Africa in bringing about the com-

As the delegation departed for Libya, two senior Scottish proseculors arrived in Holland for the extradition proceedings, Norman McFadyen, a regional procurator fiscal. and Jim Brisbane, the depute principal Crown agent, flew into Schipol airport from Edinburgh and were taken to a secret location.

When the two Lihyans ar-

UN. Unless they oppose extradition they will be quickly taken to Camp Zeist, a 100-acre former US Air Force base near Utrecht, which has been declared Sconish territory for the

purposes of the trial. There they will appear before Sheriff Graham Cox at a closed committal hearing on charges of conspiracy to murder, murder and contravention of the Aviation Security Act 1982

Until the trial, not expected before the end of the year, the pair will be guarded on the camp by more than a hundred Sconish police and prison officers. The courtroom, which has yet to be finished, will be housed inside a former US Air Force primary school.

The cells, a hundred vards away, are underneath a secure former US hospital. Nearby the former Dutch officers' restaurant will be a canteen for the police, prison officers, legal, calering and other ancillary workers, translators and international observers.

The base's old sports hall will become an international press centre and its former barracks are being renovated as accommodation quarters. All building and other costs will be met by Britain at an estimat-



Norman McFadyen and Jim Brisbane, procurators fiscal, arriving in Holland yesterday

THE TIMES MONDAY APRIL 5 1999 Sheriff ready to leave for 'Scotland'

By GILLIAN HARRIS

THE sheriff principal of Sooth Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway will be the first member of the Scottish judiciary to encouoler Abdei Baset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamine Khalifa Fhimeh. Sheriff Grabam Cox, 65, is expected to leave for The

Netherlands today.
Once the pair have been handed over, the two Scottish lawyers who will oversee proceedings against them - Norman McFadyen, the Procurator Fiscal for Edinburgh, and Jim Brisbane, the depute principal Crown agent -will appear in the courtroom built on the site for the closed committal hearing in front of Sheriff Cox.

A widely respected figure, Sheriff Cox was praised for his handling of last year's inquiry into the E. coli outbreak in Lanarkshire, which claimed 21 lives. He was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, educated at Hamilton Academy and Edinburgh University and called to the Bar in 1962.

Sheriff Cox's interests, listed in Who's Who, include golf, skiing and the restoration of decaying properties. He might well be mpressed by the renovation of Camp Zeist. which was a derelict former US base before it was transformed for Scottish juridical use.

NUT backs strikes to see off pay linked to results

BY JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR**

THE leader of the National Union of Teachers predicted yesterday that the threat of industrial action in schools would force the Government to abandon plans for performance-related pay and instead award El billion in salary rises of up to £3,000 for every reacher.

Plans for a rolling programme of strikes and other forms of disruption will be completed tomorrow at the union's annual conference in Brighton. Delegates gave unanimous backing yesterday to a campaign, beginning with a one-day strike next term, opposing any link between pay and pupils' results.

Ministers have set aside £1 billion to reward staff in successful schools and fund increases of about £2,000 for teachers whose classroom performance justifies passing a new pay "threshold". Additional money will be available in bonuses and other reward schemes. But Doug McAvoy, the NUT's general secretary, said that the strength of opposition to the proposals would leave the Government no alternative but to use the money to give all teachers a substantial increase.

Teachers will know that the money is there but the Government won't release it. That will hardly motivate them or help to recruit the extra teachers schools need. Of course,

they Ithe Government will be forced to release the El billion." said.

David Blunkett was jeered when he told delegates on Saturday that they were "daft" to be considering strikes when the Government was proposing to boost the pay of thousands of teachers. He said later that he would discuss details, but the principle of performance-related pay was not open to negotiation. A succession of delegates yester-

day insisted that the Government's

scheme would destroy teamwork be-tween teachers and encourage them to focus narrowly on the test results by which they would be judged. John Yandell, of Hackney, East London, said of Mr Blunkett's plans for higher grades for the best performers: "We all are superteachers. Why

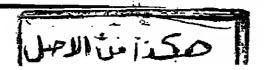
doesn't he pay us as superteachers? Jane Nellist, of the union's Coventry branch, said: "We have already seen play being squeezed out and it will disappear altogether if the Green Paper is implemented. Teachers will be forced to teach about commas today, instead of children being allowed to go and play in the sand tray. That would be criminal."

Mary Compton, an executive member from Radnor, in Wales, said she was insulted by the notion of financial incentives, "I have always cared about my teaching. I am outraged at the idea that I would care more if anyone gave me more





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Towns tussle for a city break

The starters are lining up to be the last city created this millennium.

Richard Ford looks at the runners

under, way between the coun-cil chambers of England and Wales for the prize of being the last city to be created in this millennium.

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-Old smokestack districts are competing against a popular seaside resort, and the world's former weaving capital is vying with a borough made rich by the postwar office boom. Jack Straw will formally open the contest next month by seeking applications for city status, but in town halls across the country bids have al-

eady been prepared. Five towns have emerged as rontrunners since it was anjourneed last year that the Queen intended to mark the nillennium and the fiftieth aniversary of her accession to he throne by grants of city stais. Many more will join the neue for the honour of receivig a royal charter followed by aisit from the Queen herself. The new city will be anpinced in the autumn. It is a stus that offers little more the letters patent from the Qeen and vast local pride in th council chamber. Blackbin and Darwen, Brighton an Hove, Croydon, Stockport an Wolverhampton are burstingto project themselves as thatown worthy of emerging as te country's newest city. Cearly forgetting London's

AN UNDECLARED battle is Lord Bassam of Brighton, leader of the council in Brighton and Hove, which already calls itself the City by the Sea, boasted: "We're looking to become the capital city of the South East as part of the tremendous renaissance we have seen in the past ten years." To make sure that the Home Secretary gets the point, he added: "We

> there are no set criteria for achieving city status, according to the Home Office. It is not necessary to have a cathedral to be awarded the status. Cambridge, Hull and Sunderland are cities but have no cathedrals, while Blackburn has a cathedral but is not a city.

> Brighton is missing a cathedral but its does have the Royal Pavilion, the home of the Prince Regent. Whether or not that would be an advantage is unclear. "Queen Victoria hated it but we are not sure of the Queen's opinion," a council spokesman said.

But Croydon is unwilling to let Brighton make all the running in the South East. Although it rose to fame as the site of the first London airport and grew rapidly after 1945. the council points to a history reaching to Roman times. Valerie Shawcross, leader of the Labour-controlled council,

are certainly bigger than many cathedral ciries." Despite the popular myth,

> sand years old. There was a Roman settlement here too. Croydon means 'Valley of the Crocuses', because the Romans marched into a beautiful

valley full of yellow crocuses."
In the Midlands, Wolverhampton is hoping that win-ning city status will put it on an equal footing with its great up-start rival Birmingham. Birmingham was a spot on the map in the Middle Ages

when Wolverhampton was a centre for the wool trade," she said. The town suffers from one deficiency: it has few famous sons or daughters. "Mind you, we have Button Gwinnett, one of the signatories of the American Declaration of Independence, and, of course, the pop group Slade," she said.

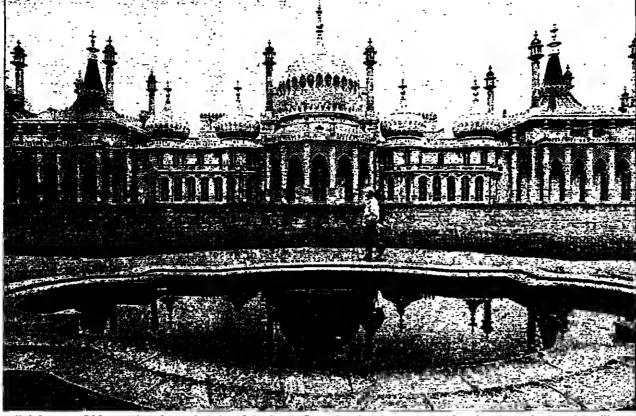
Two towns in the North West are vying for city status.

though if Blackburn is to get the honour, Jack Straw, its MP, will have to withdraw from involvement in the final decision. Stockport believes that it was runner-up in 1992 when Sunderland beat all the favourites to be awarded city status to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. Wally Scott, Mayor of Sunderland, said:

"It gave enormous civic pride

to the city and bought us publicity we could not buy. It gave an enormous impetus to getting inward investment."

The most recent towns crealed cities were St David's and Armagh in 1994 in recognition of their ecclesiastical heritage. Derby became a city in 1977 to commemorate the Oueen's Silver Jubilee and Swansea in 1969 to mark the investiture of the Prince of Wales.



Brighton, ambitious to be "the capital city of the South East", is missing a cathedral but does have the Royal Pavilion

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Twenty injured in Nazareth clashes

Jerusalem: Easter in the Holy Land was marred by riots in Nazareth between Christians and Muslims that left 20 people injured, property damaged, and raised a question mark over the largest Israeli Arab town's role in the millennium celebrations (Christopher Walker writes).

The head of the Roman Catholic Church in the Holy Land,

Michel Sabbah, used his Easter message in the Holy Sepulchre to appeal for calm to ease communal tensions. What he described as the "critical situation" was sparked by Islamic hardliners' attempts to build a mosque with a 252ft minaret that would overshadow the Basilica of the Annunciation.

Indonesian toll rises

Ambon, Indonesia: Christians and Muslims fought with spears and machetes in Indonesia's eastern islands as the death toll from several days of bloodshed reached 34. The South East Moluccas Regent, Husain Rahayaan, said hundreds of armed Muslims and Christians were fighting in villages close to Tual, the main Kai Islands town. Hundreds of police and soldiers were sent to the area. (Reuters)

Sons held over killing

Washington: Two 11-year-old brothers are being held in North Carolina charged with killing their father in a hail of gunfire and wounding their mother and sister, police said. The brothers allegedly shot their father, 46, in the head at the family home near Kittrell, about 40 miles north of Raleigh. North Carolina. Their 45-year-old mother and teenage sister were wounded and taken to hospital. (AFP)

Mahathir's foes unite

Malaysian opposition to the Prime Minister. Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, was united with the formation of a new political party led by the wife of his jailed former deputy (Dav-id Watts writes). The launching of the new group — the National Justice Party — by Dr Wan Azizah Anwar, coincided with rumours about the health of Dr Mahathir, who has been admitted to hospital with a chest infection.

Town hit by tornado

Benton, Louisiana: A tornado tore through this northwestern Louisiana town, flattening homes and trapping people when walls collapsed. At least nine people died, state police said. About 100 people were injured, five critically. Authorities were still looking for missing people hours later, using police does and huge searchlights from the nearby Barksdale air force base, (AP)

New leader dies

Almaty: Zhumabek Ibraimov, the Kyrgystan Prime Minister, has died of stomach cancer in the capital, Bishkek, a government spokesman said. Boris Silayev, the First Deputy Prime Minister, is to take over temporarily. Mr Ibraimov, 56, had led the Government of the tiny ex-Soviet Central Asian republic for just three months since taking over from Kubanychbek Zumaliyev. (Reuters)

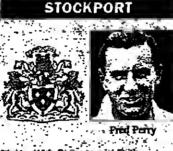


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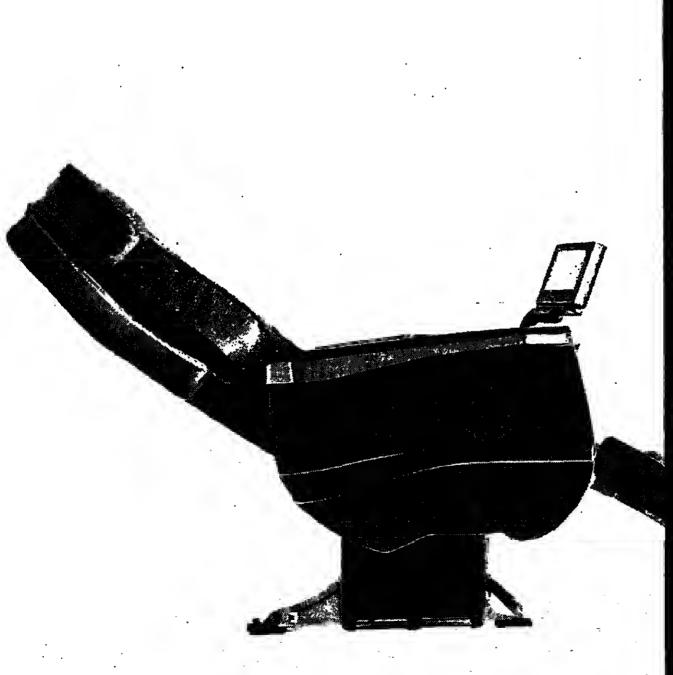
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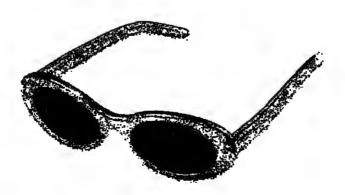
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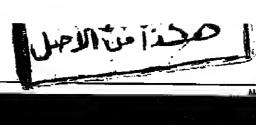
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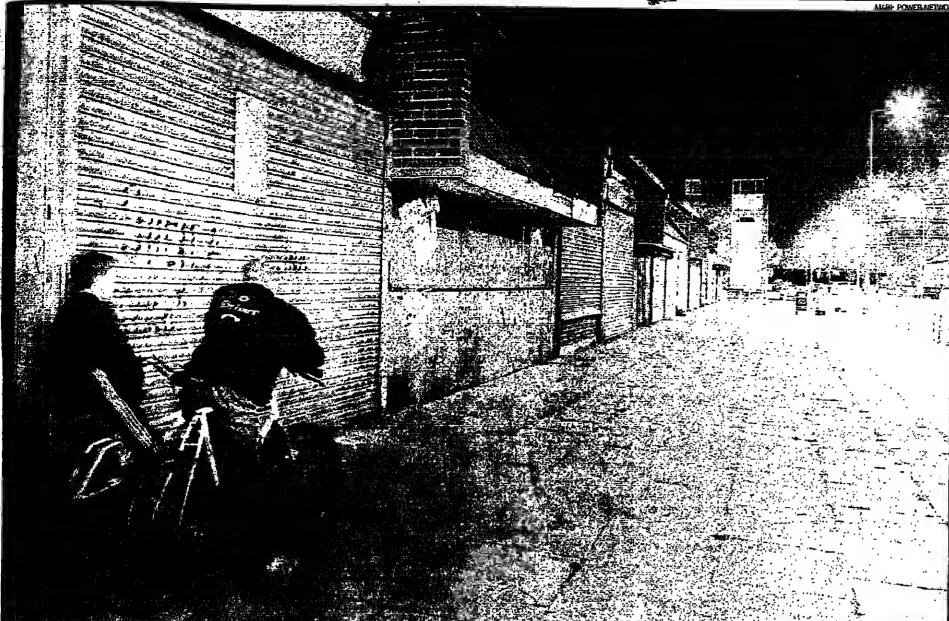


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Travelling home together: 13 to 14-year-olds are the most vulnerable to violence. "You don't expect to be stabbed, but you have to judge every situation as it arises," says one

New threats on the block

Parents usually fear for the safety of teenage girls. But the

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ixteen-year-old Ben has been mugged seven times. Everyone l know's been mugged at least mce." he says. His friend Charle has been mugged four times So has my 15-year-old son, Usually they are intimidated wihout being hit.

Bu a year ago a neighbourhood ad was beaten so badly that he ended up in hospital. The ficial scars healed quickly, buit was a while before his parens could be sure that he had to internal injuries. Another soy we know just had his noe broken in an assault.

Sometimes, after he turned 13, my son would ring on a winter night to ask for I lift home from a friend's. What's with waking?" I'd bark. "You're onlytwo strees away." He'd extlain that there was a group of boys on the corner whom he didn't like the bok of I had to keeps that he was jeing sensi-

bought him a pager. Now, came aware that in some when he and his friends go to parties, hey travel together or share ninicabs.

trouble

Parets once worried more about heir daughters being out on the streets; their sons could find for themselves. In the 19\$s and 1960s, middleclass barents mollycoddled their jirls as though there were grapist on every corner. So it was with our own three daughers. But as they progressel into their teens, it became lear that Western posifeminti girlhood had evolved its owi survival strategy. One

streets are more dangerous for boys, says Trevor Grove girls we had nurtured so pro-tectively turned into hulking urban commandos whose after-school uniform consisted

of ripped jeans and combat boots. We pitted any boy who crossed their paths. Eventually their younger brother became a teenager. Even though he played a lot of

sport, beside them he looked slight. In his first week at sec-ondary school he was held up on his way home by a local tearaway and Reebok forced to part with Classics the few pence in his pocket. He was reticent and black bravely about that incident and others that fol-Levi's can lowed. But he enjoyed making my flesh creep by re-counting friends exspell periences — some of them frighten-

ing. Talking to other parents, I beways, teenage boys are more vulnerable than their sisters.

North London is not Los Angeles gangland. Still, my son and his friends say, coping with low-level thuggery among adolescent males is an unavoidable aspect of urban living. They are not especially outraged by it and shrug it off as coolly as they can. But when my son returned from a month in Vancouver, what had struck him most was that he could wander alone around the city without feeling nervous. The first thing he did on his return was to grab the hair-clippers—

a cropped skull is an approved means of disguising middle-

class namby-pambyness.
Talking in a glottal mumble, slouching and wearing clothes that look as though they came from a terrorist oulfitter's are not just youthful urban chic, they are camouflage. Even on hot days, something must be worn to hide the school uniform. On cold days,

a knitted hat re-miniscent of those worn by the Spe-clal Boat Service is a popular accessory. Street gear can also be a warning signal: a gang of boys wearing Mos-chino trousers and jazzy trainers is best avoided. The wary also keep a sharp eye out for Classics and black Levi's. The subtleties are awesome.

must look tough but not loud. ed up having his bike stolen. If you want to look loud, you must be tough.

t is easy to explain all this away as just youthful male display behaviour, a test of nerve and swagger instinctive in boys. But it must be seen against the worsening figures for violent crime: the meidence of muggings has doubled in a decade. Boys are not only responsible for most juvenile violence, but are also the most likely to be its victims. No doubt the general demor-

alisation of young males has

something to do with this. Be-

ing "hard" is one way of achieving a sense of status in a world where girls outshine them in the classroom, and where their job prospects are dim. The prevalence of violence on the screen, the growth of aggression on the sports field and the need for money to buy drugs

of an ex-pupil who got a kick out of being a bully carrying on intimidating the younger or expensive footwear aggra-vate antisocial impulses. Ben was recently attacked on the Tube: three boys knocked him to the floor, searched his pockets and gave pick on. But among victims, the unease persists. Being men-Even on

him a kicking, then ran off at the next Charlie station. was subjected to what he described as "a bit of an ordeal" when he was effectively napped by two big lads. marched for two around hours while they decided what to do

with him and end-At the back of these boys' minds lurks the fear that their assailants might have knives. You don't expect to be stabbed but you have to judge each situ-ation as it arises," says Ben. The other day two crackheads attacked some boys with a screwdriver. Mostly they want your money or Walkman. Oth-

out of scaring you."
"It's hard to know when to make eve contact," says Charlie. "Somerimes you want to. to show you're not a fairy, some times it's seen as a challenge." Our local beat policewoman

backing away a bit if necessary, is vital.

And, of course, running away as far and as fast as possible is always an

Crime prevention officers and

psychologists say it is very rare for

if you do feel you have to defend

people to find themselves genuinely

trapped in a violent situation. However,

yourself physically, the priority is still to

run away. "A sharp kick in the shins or

a slap across the face with the palm of a

hand should give you a chance to get away," says Rafael Nieto, of the

Amateur Martial Arts Association in

London. "Just fire your best shot and

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run. The best defence however, is to be

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Hungary '56, Kosovo '99

We welcomed refugees 40 years ago would we now, asks Grace Bradberry

haustion, they continue to trudge across the Kosovan borders. We watch them on television each night, the children shivering from the

cold, the parents weeping. We are aware that, globally speaking, they are "on our doorstep", but there is a dis-tinct possibility that these displaced souls could soon actually be our neighbours. As the number of Kosovan Albanian refugees reaches three quarters of a million, and as Macedonia and Albania ask for help in dealing with the exodus. Nato is now being forced to discuss the logistics of dispersing the refugees across Weslern Europe. Downing Street yesterday said it was ready to accept some on a temporary basis.

How would Britain cope with an influx of refugees whose situation demands unreserved compassion? What sort of life could we offer them and how would they adapt? The tast European refugee crisis on anything like this scale occurred more than 40 years ago, in 1956, when the Hungarian uprising led to an exodus of some 200,000 pothical asylum-seckers. Soviet troops invaded Hungary on Novem-ber 4. By the end of that month, 100,000 refugees had crossed the Austrian border. In some cases, the "new refu-gees" joined camps already in-habited by the "old refugees" still displaced after the Second World War. Others were given swift passage to Western countries, including Britain.

Louis Permayer, 67, the owner and manager of Louis Patisserie in Hampstead, North London, was plucked from an Austrian camp. "A British man came saying he wanted 300 strong Hungarians to become miners in Alfreion. Derbyshire. We went to a camp, where we were taught English, and were trained for the mines. But the English people went on strike because they wanted their own sons to

go into the mines. 'I had trained as a chef in Hungary, so I went to work for Egon Ronay | who then had a restaurant|." After a cou-pte of years he took a job in

Their faces grey, their the patisserie that be now eyes hollow with ex- runs having bought out the owner in 1963. The Austrian and English camps were "nice", he says. "In Austria people came on Sundays to take us out to lunch. We were given soap and shaving products. England was also good: we were paid £8 a week.

High employment undoubtedly made it easier for refugees to find their own way in this country. Another Hungarian refugee, who prefers to remain anonymous, recalls how he left his home in Zala, near the Austrian border, on November 18, 1956, and was in a job in Suffotk by November 25. His escape from Hungary involved swimming a fast river, his clothes tied in a bundle on his head. But once he reached Austria the organisation was excellent. He stayed ioitially in a schoolhouse, in a smatt lown that had taken in 1,200 refugees, and was then taken by train to southern Austria. "I was told that if I wanted to go to England, I could go immediately, but for anywhere else t would have to wait in a camp. So I went to England,"

He went by train to London, staying in a Hungarian club. "I was well looked after. I spoke no English, and only saw Hungarians. After three days an English employer arrived looking for ten steel-workers. My nine friends and l, all from the same part of Hungary, volunteered. Our accommodation was ar-ranged by our employers, but by the end of the month we were paying our own way from our wages.

e was not taught any English, however, and on several occasions found his way home by showing passers-by a piece of paper with his address and hoping they would direct him to the right bus stop.

More help may well be need-ed from the British public this time round. There are few, if any, manual jobs awaiting the Kosovan Albanians that will allow them to pay their way. And it is unlikely that pointing the way to a bus stop will be enough for this new group of displaced people.



is well aware of the problem.

though she doesn't think it is

new: "It goes in waves. Some-

times it arises from rivalry be-

tween schools. Often it's a case

She agreed with the boys I

had spoken to that the vulnera-ble age is 13 to 14. After that

they get bigger and more expe-

rienced and are not so easy to

kids after he's left."

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not to put up more resistance."

only be grateful when good

sense prevails. Street wisdom

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When confronted, stay calm

THE irst thing the experts tell you is that far of violence is more prevalent than jolence itself. The second is that the best way to deal with a hostile simulation is to avoid it in the first place. "Use formon sense and follow your gut instirt," says Detective Sergeant Peter Shrulsole, of the Crime Policy Unit at New Scotland Yard.

"If some lads are drinking on a corner and bok like they might get oul of control walk away. Go where there are people around, a shop, say. If you can't do that, there's no hard-and-fast rule about what to do: go by instinct." If evenis become threatening, adopt

apprepriate language and behaviour. When confronted by someone who is looking for a reason to hit you, don't give it to them." says Dr Peter Marsh, a social psychologist and research director at the Social Issues Research Centre in Oxford "Any language perceived as dominant, hostile or threatening will

increase conflict. A calm voice and non-threatening language will do the opposite, though it is hard to keep an even pitch when scared."

Body language is crucial. "Eye contact should be avoided." Dr Marsh asserts. "Obviously you must be aware if a person is about to punch you, but fixing the other person's gaze is a disaster.

on, with arms relaxed and down at the sides. If you adopt an oblique posture, you have to look over your shoulder, and this is classic visual dominance behaviour. Tilt the head slightly forward and down, which could be interpreted as slightly wimpish but not cowering. Don't tilt your head back you'll be looking down your nose at the

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aggressor." Maintaining distance.

"Orientation and posture are important, too. Face the person straight

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properly trained."

One Step Beyond

The extraordinary story of Chris Moon, who, despite losing an arm and a leg in a Mozambique minefield, ran the London Marathon less than a year after leaving hospital. leaving hospital.







Clockwise from above: double-layered sequin dress, £1.10, by Karen Millen nationwide (01622-664 032); black cowboy hat, £20, by Top Shop; brown nubuck cowboy/blker boots, £1.25, by Russell & Bromley, 24-25 New Bond Street W1 (0171-629

Bias-cut devoré dress, £180, J by Jasper Conran at selected Debenhams stores nationwide (01.71-408 4444); lifac and black lace-trim cardigan, £80, by Press & Bastyan, 22 South Molton Street W1 and nationwide (01622-763 211); brown boots by

Floral painted linen top, £29.99, by Morgan stores nationwide (0171-383 288)

White linen and velvet panel skirt, £75, cream wool beaded tank top, £69, both by Whistles, 12-14 St Christopher's Place W1 (0171-487 4484); white leather ballerina pumps, £145, by Emesto Esposito at Russell & Bromley, as before



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What do you wear if you're

feeling down?
Colour therapy. Forget moping around in baggy black pants. I dress up in lilac and turquoise, paint my nails pink and wear orange shoes.

Whose style do you most admire? Ingrid Bergman. represents

timeless, classic dressing and a graceful style that doesn't date.

Which city is the most stylish? Paris. I love the atmosphere, the architecture and the



Angie Kirk: adores the sights of Paris

by Deborah Brett distinct smell. French women have a flair that is not clinical, but refined bohemian. What is the most expensive item you have bought?

When I was 19 I bought a John Galliano black, backless fishtail gown. It was something you would wear to the Oscars and it cost me at least £1,000. What is your defi-

nition of chic? Lauren Bacall in To Have and Have Not. Chic women have grace and poise.

What is your style motio? Be brave, banish

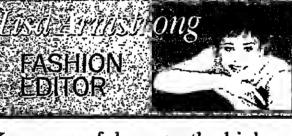


The high street's

here are, let's be frank, certain things that the high street can't do very well: a really well-tailored jacket, fine cashmere, beautiful velvets, a Hermes Kelly bag, one-offs . . . but the list of purchases that shouldn't be attempted grows smaller every year.

There was a time when a woman with a keen eye for a well-made, dainty shoe would happily work overtime and live on baked beans for a year to save enough money not to have to buy her footwear from a chain store. Then Linda Bennett's 11 branches of LK Bennett's began springing up three years ago, complete with up-to-the-minute kitten-heel slingbacks, jewel-coloured silk mules and high, but not trollopy, strappy sandals that had even the most searching fashion eye fooled — and at last it became possible to buy a classy-looking pair of evening shoes for less than £100.

That £100 for three vermicelli-thin straps of silk or suede and a spindly heel now commonly changes hands on the high street is a sign of how far its horizons have broadened,



Keep a careful eye on the high street and you will find plenty of inexpensive, irresistible items that encapsulate this summer's trends

its prices risen and its quality and design improved. The "pile it high, sell it cheap" philo-sophy that made ye olde Seventies and Eighties British high street shops such a dispiriting. and in some cases hazardous. destination (remember those urban myths about catching lice in some of the grottler Afghan coat stockists?) has largely disappeared. The fact is that the gap between the best of the high street and the cheaper designer diffusion ranges has never been narrower, especial-

ly now that so many designers

do collections for chainstores. Morgan, Zara and Jigsaw in particular try very hard to give an impression of airy, unhurried spaciousness by limiting the number of items on the shopfloor. So even though there might be another 13,000 of those fuchsia boob-tubes lurking in the stockroom, for the brief hours of pleasure you get between standing at the cash register while your precious new investment is wrapped in tissue paper (another high street revolution: decent packaging, along with

helpful-ish assistants) and wearing it out that night, when you meet all its idenical siblings, you can enjoy the frisson that comes from having managed to buy a frippery and yet spent wisely. You would not feel thus if you had paid £700 for it in Calvin Klein.

In any case, no one has any illusions when they hop on the high street. In the same way that we've come to accept that the reason some disigners can afford to place just two of three pieces on their rais is because each one costs enough to pay the store rent and sall the sales staff, we also realse that that grey Narciso Rolriguez knock-off for £39.99 is reither exclusive nor built to last

That said, in the snartest corner of the high street. shops such as Whistlesmanufacture short. limited runs of certain designs, usually around 100, although it some cases - a piece that was produced primarily for the press. for instance - they may make up as few as five. Nor is there anything cheap or nastyabout Press & Bastyan or Russell & Bromley. Yet they are allaccessible. But to confine yourself

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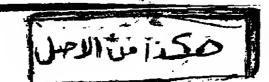
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§ 16 best buys

solely to the top end is to miss out on a whole spectrum of lifeenhancing encounters. Not least the ooe that arises when you come face to face with the paisley print skirt in Top Shop that's the spitting image of ones that graced the catwalks four months earlier (for about a quarter of the price).

Pragmatically, summer is the best time for bulking up on high street buys: on the whole, flimsy, floaty fabrics work just fine in their cheap incarnations. And for quotidian holiday dressing (think oily sun lotions, sea spray, the wear and tear of pool life and round-the-clock daiquiris). there really is no other option. So save the designer stuff for the occasional evening out and to make yourself feel better once you return home.

The 16 pieces shown on these pages were chosen either because they represent great value for money or a key summer trend — or we simply found them irresistible. The yellow linen dress from French Connection is in one of this summer's most cuttingedge colours: the stone linen busoer with the painted flow-

ers and beige net at the back is not a million miles from Dolce e Gabbana's.

The white, double-layer sleeveless dress from Karen Millen is a wearable, affordable nod to fashion's new take on block colours; the cream

You can enjoy the frisson that comes from buying a frippery while spending wisely

and white patchwork linen and velvet skirt from Whistles is the perfect answer to any rustic-Boho aspirations; the cowboy/biker mid-brown boots from Russell & Bromley are the only footwear (apart from a pair of sandals) you'll

need for next year, and we just loved the raffia handbags. In the main, then, the point of the British high street (still

imports, such as Zara and

Kookaī seem to acquire a more

interesting point of view once they arrive here) is that it is the

place to head for unquestion-

It is where you are allowed

to make a purchase lightly and to cast aside considera-

tions about relative invest-

ment value. It is where you

will never have to divide the cost of something by the number of times you might

possibly wear it to justify the

outlay, and where you may

toss away mistakes without

feeling too guilty.

Perhaps the best lesson from high street shopping is to be found in those com-

munal changing rooms on a Saturday, when wave after

wave of teenage girls clatter in

to try on another new look, en

route to another night out in yet another ritual weekly

Fashion - just in case those

chi-chi minimalist designer

shrines with their one-

sweater-on-a-plinth approach

to retailing and hushed aura

round the till have made you

forget - is meant to be fun.

ing retail therapy.

Island, as before; cream linen bag with coffee-bean detailing, £15, by Principles nationwide (0800 731 8286)

EFT: cream wicker flower bag, from £9.99, by Top Shop, details as before; floral wedge sandals, £14.99, by Barratts stores nationwide (01274 614 110)



LEFT: blue paisley skirt, £40, by Warehouse nationwide (0171-278 3491); off-the-shoulder jumper, £28.99, Jana Norman stores nationwide (0171-437 0132); fitted denim jacket, £24.99, by NJ Jeans, New Look stores nationwide (0500-454 094); wire flower necklace, £6.99, by River Island nationwide (0181-991 4500). ABOVE: yellow linen drawstring dress, £90, by French Connection nationwide (0171-399 7200); floral Liberty-print silk handkerchief, £3.95, Liberty, Regent Street W1 (0171-734 1234)

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■ FOLLOWING the virtual retirement from the catwalk of Kate Moss and the refusal of the Versaces to pay Naomi Campbell's premium rates, Helena Christensen has announced her appointment as the creative director of Nylon.

a new US magazine, also available here, that calls itself a "cutting-edge colour pictori-

al aimed at young women".

Christensen stopped pounding the catwalks two years ago to devote time to photography, but this is her first magazine job. In the first issue, on sale this week, she interviews Liv Tyler and photographs India. Apart from being possibly the most exciting thing about Nylon, Christensen's appointment shows how much slippage the "supermodel" tag has suffered. Like those shops that add the word "chic" to their names, the only models who claim to be "super" these days definitely aren't.

■ DONNA "hug-a-crystal" Karan has a reputation for be-ing a little otherworldly. But at an exhibition in her Bond Street store last week to celebrate tribal colours, she seemed very focused indeed. While everyone else ignored the pictures, chatted on their mobiles and plunged headlong into the sushi. Donna launched into a series of pro-bing questions about the Brit-ish press. But this was no sly attempt to help her to com-pare advertising rates. No, what she really wanted to know was which British newspaper has the best horoscope.

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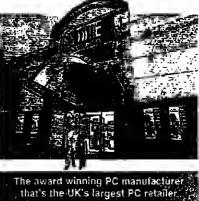
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Misadventures in space

t is the Depression year of 1929, yet the boss of Johnson Wax wants a new factory. Since Ge-ometry of Miracles is a work by Robert Lepage, he signals his energy and optimism in a quaintly physical way, by tap-dancing on a desk. And since the evening's main subject is Frank Lloyd Wright, the tycoon is presented with a most unusual masterplan. He meets the architect and his disciples for a dinner at which tanering wine-glasses topped by plates elegantly itustrate the design. "I wanted an admin building, not a spaceship." he yells, adding: "It's great!"

Lepage's notion of the ori-gins of Wright's celebrated Johnson Building in far-off Racine. Wisconsin, makes fine theatre. So does the moment that follows. Tony Guilfoyle, playing Wright, raises his

> THEATRE Geometry of Miracles Glasgow

walking stick like Prospero his wand, and, lo, circles and pillars and magic mushrooms and what might be the innards of a computer or the doodlings of Leonardo appear on the back wall. A pity that so much of the rest of the evening teaves you feeling rather the way Ariel must have felt when he was trapped in his tree.

When I saw the production in Salzburg last year, I forecast that, like many Lepage productions, it would change and improve as it voyaged the globe. Change it has, a bit. Improve it has not, at least not if you value narrative clarity, in-tellectual incisiveness and dramatic momentum. It did not help that I caught the piece as it passed through what comi-cally calls itself the Lomond Room in the Scottish Exhibition Centre: an acoustically awful concrete bunker in a stunningly charmless people-palace. But I am not sure it will be vastly better when it arrives at the Lyttelton on April 14.

Never do we feel the title's full force. It would, I suppose, be unimaginative to show back-projections of finished buildings; but, were this managed with flair and a sense of wonder, we might understand hetter why Lepage seems to agree with Wright's self-estimate, which is that he was the greatest architect ever. Certainv that would give us a better idea of the meaning of "organic architecture" than offering some of the man's grumpily banal apercus and, God help us, evoking the Guggenheim Museum by having one man twirl on a rope while another swivels in a barber's chair.



Some changes but no improvement since Salzburg: a scene from Robert Lepage's cluttered new play about the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright

But the real problem is the ick Mahoney's latest slice of London life (and the last fn the Royal Court's season of new writing from the National Theatre lack of organic architecture of a production that veers bewilderingly from glimpses of the Russian Revolution (because Studio) is more of a frustrating sliver than a satisfying wedge. A four-hander about the ghosts let loose when Patrick Wright's heir married Svetlana Stalin) to guest-appearances by Beelzebub (to offer Wright eternal youth and be and Jerry, two fallen-out childhood told by the dying nonagenarifriends, meet 20 years on, it wants to be an that "youth is a quality and an intricately counterpointed chamber nave it you don't los ece, but talls to orthestra it'). In between we see much of ters' concerns in a meaningful enough his idealistic but sadly flawed brotherhood of apprentices. Granted, the play has its small mer-

and still more of the Caucasian mystic Georgi Gurdjieff. Let's not patronise Lepage Like Wright, he is fascinated by the complex challenges of space and, like Gurdjieff, by the oddities of the soul. Like both, he is one of the 20th century's adventurers. But are choric drillings, balletic contortions, yoga rituals. bizarre psychic games and the like enough to bring men and their ideas to life? On the evidence

more of his wife and daughter,

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

cluttered here, no.

Old friends in a muddle

> Sacred Heart Ambassadors

Stewart) has thrown in the towel and made do with being a handyman. This is apparently because he has a large chip on his shoulder about his background and his (unfortunately non-existent) Irish accent. Cue much stuff about class: all of it a bit perfunctory.

Ditto the inevitable romantic entanglements. Revelations keep coming from nowhere, and going much the same way. Patrick's friend Line (Cecilla Noble), the final member of the foursome and a high-flying media chick (or so we are told), turns out to be Jerry's

ex-lover, and it transpires that Kate has always fancied Jerry and Line lusts af-ter Patrick. And so on.

It all gets a bit moddled; and here, a more focused production would certainly have helped. There are some awkward changes of tone, several lines which deserve to be much funnier, and others which just sound silly. The experienced cast are left rather adrift: though there is some good acting, particularly from Doon Mackichan as a convincing Kate, all four were a bit flat on this night at least.

The design, as usual from the Royal Court, is faultless: the bare walls of the Ambassadors' stage space make for an appropriately grotty derelict church - the Sacred Heart of the title. which Jerry is bent on converting into des-res loft apartments.

No doubt Mahoney wants to say that things do indeed get complicated after years of ingrained resentment and selfdoubt, of the little loyalties and blownup betrayals that loom larger with time. But his script simply does not flesh out its characters or make their problems or confusions - involving enough. I am afraid it left me unmoved.

NIGEL CLIFF

Tale without end

A FUNNY thing happened on the way to the final curtain. At the interval of this touring version of everyone's favourite Ealing Comedy the beige acreage of the safety curtain was lowered as usual and the audience made for the bars and foyers of the recently reopened Grand Theatre, refurbished with £8 million of lottery money. Half an hour later the safety curtain was still down when the house manager informed us of a tinte tocal difficulty in raising it.

The buzz of amusement greeting this announcement beat anything heard during the performance of the first half, and when the curtain began to inch its way upward, at a speed that suggested its ropes were being pulled by mice. audience enthusiasm mounted. Now we could see at the side of the stage the first

The Ladykillers Wolverhampton

panes of the telephone box crucial to the plot - and if Tim Brooke-Taytor, Brian Murers could act with their ankles
we might vet resume the phy, Dukie Gray and the othwe might yet resume the play. Heave ho went the mice and

into view came the tower edge of the map of King's Cross, site of Professor Marcus's cunning bank heist, and painted on the front gauze so as to help us to picture the play's setting. Now the cast would be able to act from their knees down, but alas, a crunching noise sent the curtain's climb into re-verse. Not mice but men had been winching it up by hand and now the molor had burnt out. There would be no further acting that night.

Since everyone in the audience probably knew the film, nobody seemed to mind missing the second hall, though the deaths of the Professor's gang. one by one, were surely going to be furnier than watching Mrs Wilberforce climb her rickety stairs yet again to interrupt the Boccherini being played in the room above. Gray was either unsure of her words or had not measured the acoustics of the theatre. Her voice was hard to hear.

Brooke-Taylor, creepily commanding, helped to bind together what we were allowed to see of Richard Baron's direction, but since this looked likely to follow Sandy Mackendrick's film as closely as possible there seemed little point in seeing it all done less well on a stage. Perhaps this is why the audience was content to go home halfway through.

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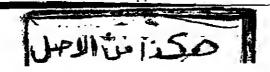
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r looked good — Barbara Bonney, resplendent in her blonde hair and gold evening dress, spotlit in front of the piano on the stage of a darkened Bridgewater Hall, But, oh dear, we couldn't read the titles of the songs let alone the texts and translations so usefully slipped into the programme. Except for those with an instant understanding of German or with a thoroughly detailed knowledge of the repcrtoire we were missing at least half the point of her studiously prepared and faultlessly delivered interpretations

tt was not a full house but. since t8 short songs do not add up to a full concert even with two encores thrown in, that was natural justice. It was, on the other hand, an unusually good audience in that it was both quietly attentive and polite enough to reserve its applause until the end of each group of songs. tt deserved better and, happily, it was awarded the basic facility of adequate lighting in the second

half of the recital. A suitable compensation would have been a repeat performance of Grieg's Sechs Lieder, Op 48, which had been. heard just before the interval. Bonney's Brahms, which produced the one example of a forced sound in the whole evening, was unexceptional. But the Grieg songs, for which she clearly has a special affection even when the words are German rather than Norwegian, were most persuasively done. It is true that, given the

Barbara Bonney Manchester

the voice and Melvyn Tan's suggesove phrasing of the pi

Perhaps the most impressive example of Bonney's part-nership with Tan was in Wolf's Kennst du das Land. Presented as the culmination of the full set of Mignon songs. with both of them well into the characterisation by this point, characterisation by this point, it was performed not only passionately but with a paradoxical combination of fearless spontaneity and precisely calculated oming, tf the group of four Strauss songs had less to offer in terms of dramatic collaboration, they were no less effective for their intimacy. And, accomplished recitalists that they both are, they reserved the ecstasy of Zueignung for the first of their encores.

GERALD LARNER

Swept along by the drama

he annual performance of Bach's St John Passion given on Good Friday at St John's, Smith Square by Stephen Layton's choral group Polyphony is rapidly becoming a popular tradition. The occasion is now a sell-out, and compared with the slightly flawed one I heard two years ago, this year's gave immense satisfaction, Indeed, I would rate it among the finest John Passions I have ever

Layion's great achievement is to pace the drama of the Pas-sion story with unerring instinct. The judgment scene in Part 2 had a tremendous narrative sweep, gathering momen-tum with the crowd choruses and reaching an electrifying dimax at the mention of Barrabas and the scourging. Then af-ter the two meditative solos with viole d'amore, sensitively played by Theresa Caudle and Jane Norman, it was back for another sequence of crowd scenes enacted with thrilling immediacy: the mock salutations of "Sei gegrüsset", the bloodthirsty exhortations of "Kreuzige" (Crucify) and vigor-

ously fugal choruses thereafter. So accomplished is Polyphony that it can respond to what is asked of it with no technical inhibitions. The choral inquiries "Wohin?" (Whither?) in the bass aria "Eilt, ihr angefochtenen Seelen" (Haste, ye oppressed souls), for example, were delivered with virtuoso lightness of touch, Shorn, addi-



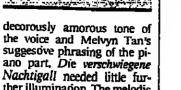
tionally, of their conventional pauses, they conveyed to per-fection the breathless flight on the "wings of faith".

Crucial to the continuity of the drama is the Evangelist, and John Mark Ainsley's contribution was exemplary: urgent, angry, poignant as required. His control of the tortured chromaticisms at Peter's weeping was impeccable the ensuing tenor aria (James Gilchrist) and chorale forming another unbroken unit to bring Part I to an effective end. David Wilson-Johnson's Jesus was characteristically forthright and authoritative.

Emma Kirkby skipped delightfully in Christ's footsteps in "Ich folge dir gleichfalls" (I follow thee joyfully) - another example of a swift tempo being deployed for expressive rather than purely virtuoso effect. Catherine Wyn-Rogers supplied stylish contralto solos, and Neal Davies was the excellent bass soloist doubling as Pilate.

The players of Canzona gave nothing but pleasure. Katharina Spreckelsen and Jane Downer deserve special mention for their skilful handling of the oboe d'amore.

BARRY



ano part, Die verschwiegene Nachtigall needed little further illumination. The melodic beauty of Ein Traum, though quite specific in its inspiration, was an experience itself. But when the soprano so meaningfully applied the dark colour resources of her lower register to the not so lyrical line of Dereinst, Gedanke mein, we really needed to know what grave thoughts she had in

he British Museum may be precious to Londoners, but its curators have always treated it with cheerful conthat few have ever seen it. tempt. For them the collections

have come first, and from the very moment it was completed Sir Robert Smirke's classical building has been chopped and changed to fit them in. Handsome rooms have been split with mezzanine floors, windows butchered and an entire portico demolished to make room for an extension.

Today the remaking of the museum goes on at undimin-ished speed. Now that the library has disappeared to St Pancras, the book stacks which surrounded the Reading Room in Smirke's Great Court have been demolished. A light and airy roof of huge dimensions is being built across the court, linking the Reading Room to the surrounding buildings. Of all the many

in 150 years this is the greatest. Casual visitors are entitled to be bemused by references to the Great Court, for few realise that the building bas a courtyard the size of Wembley Stadium at its heart. Originally intended by Smirke to be an elegant open space within the building, where people might perambulate, the court was a failure from the start. The huge porticos on each side created a deep shade in which no grass would grow. "A dark, damp and dismal place where keepers' children played, its silence broken only by the cries of cats," one contemporary sneered. "A mere wetl of malaria, a pestilent congregation

changes the museum has seen

of vapours," said another. Far from perambulating, the public was not even allowed access. The truth was MILLINGTON | that the keepers planned to fill the court with buildings as quickly as they could. The Reading Room and the stacks soon occupied it so completely

How to raise

of Wembley

Providing a covering for the newly revealed Great

Court of the British Museum was a £97m logistical

conundrum. Nigel Hawkes reports on the solution

The Great Court project, which will cost £97 million, aims to turn this lost space into "a great new public plaza for London" in the words of the architect Norman Foster. At its centre will be the circular Reading Room, a huge building with a dome larger

The design was speeded up by computers. Doing it by hand would have

taken a lifetime?

than that of St Paul's Cathe-

Surrounding it will be the largest covered courtyard in Europe, greater in length than Buckingham Palace. Creating such a roof, supported by Smirke's building along its edges and by the Reading Room in the middle - although not at the precise geometric centre - is a tricky task. Not only must it leave the classical façades and the Read-ing Room undamaged, but it must not rise high enough to be visible from Bloomsbury. It must be vast, yet almost flat.

To add to the difficulties, the roof has to be created out of pieces small enough to be carried to the site in lorries, and tifted over into the courtyard by crane. The only access, for demolition material coming out or construction material

going in, is by crane. A "crash deck" has been laid across the building to catch anything the crane might drop before it can crash through the roof and destroy the collections below.

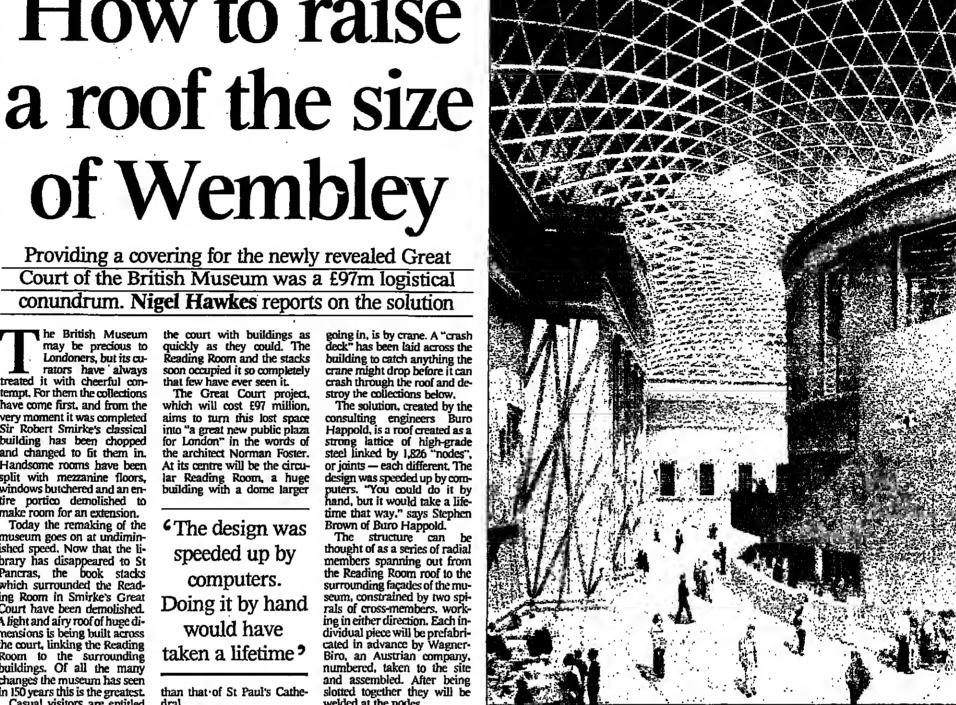
As if by magic larger than that of St Paul's Cathedral, the dome of the Reading Room rises through the Great Court roof, a series of radial ribs constrained by spirals running in both directions

The solution, created by the consulting engineers Buro Happold, is a roof created as a strong lattice of high-grade steel linked by 1,826 "nodes", or joints - each different. The design was speeded up by com-puters. "You could do it by hand, but it would take a life-

time that way." says Stephen Brown of Buro Happold. The structure can be thought of as a series of radial members spanning out from the Reading Room roof to the surrounding façades of the mu-seum, constrained by two spi-rals of cross-members, work-ing in either direction. Each in-dividual piece will be prefabri-cated in advance by Wagner-Biro, an Austrian company, numbered taken to the site numbered, taken to the site and assembled. After being slotted together they will be welded at the nodes.

round the top of the Reading Room, Smirke's brother Sydney designed a "Snow Gallery", a two-metrewide flat roof encircling the dome and designed to catch the snow sliding off the dome and prevent it crashing down on to the lightly roofed book stacks below.

This gallery, suitably strengthened, will form a ring balancing thrusts from either side of the roof, while the weight of the roof will be carried by a ring of 20 steel columns lying against the Read-ing Room walls and concealed beneath a new stone cladding. The Reading Room was never meant to be seen from the outside, so nothing is lost by con-



A computer-generated image of what the British Museum's Great Court will look like

cealing its rough brickwork

At the other ends of the ribs, the roof will rest on sliding bearings, allowing it to spread laterally as the props are re-moved and it takes its own weight - 420 tons of steel, and another 320 tons of double glazing in the form of 3,312 triadd no new distorting forces to either the Reading Room or

the museum façade. When complete, the roof should float in a voluptuous series of curves, with no visible means of support, above the court below. The environment

angular panes of glass. This inside will be comfort-heated and cooled, but not fully airconditioned. Together with its reconstructed South Portico. the Great Court may at last achieve the effect for which Smirke strived - a perambula-

tory of which to be proud.

CHANGING TIMES

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Something for the youngest ones

ten pop fans who were initially mobilised by the Spice Girls has now acquired a taste for going to concerts that would have seemed unnaturally precocious even five years ago. And Steps, the three-girl/two-boy vocal group who recently embarked on their first tour, are proving to be one of this pre-teen market's most favoured bands.

Sandwiched between Lau-

ren, aged 7, and Jack, aged 6, at the Shepherds Bush Empire on Friday, I was intrigued to see how well-equipped and clued-up they and all their friends were. Armed with fluorescent rubes, whistles and shakers they responded with noisy bravado to a series of pre-show messages flashed up on screens to either side of the stage. "Are you ready to scream? Evidently they were. "Have you been to the toilet?" Steps, for their part, have absorbed the dictum that in or-

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der to attract this kind of audience, it is necessary to adopt a musical format that does not repel the parents who will be required to purchase tickets at £14.50 a shot and provide the necessary supervision and taxi service on the night.

Thus, as the group set off at a lively romp with the chirpy harmonies and catchy pop choruses of Better Best Forgotten and Last Thing On My Mind



(an old Bananarama song), a comforting sense of continuity with the past was established. As any thirtysomething would instantly have recognised, this was basically the sound of Abba hitched to a modern house beat. Although Abba were a joke

at the time, their ocuvre is now celebrated in West End musicals. Brit Award shows and karanke bars everywhere. Steps, for all the superficial similarioes, are not in the same league, and as far as this performance was concerned, a more appropriate comparison



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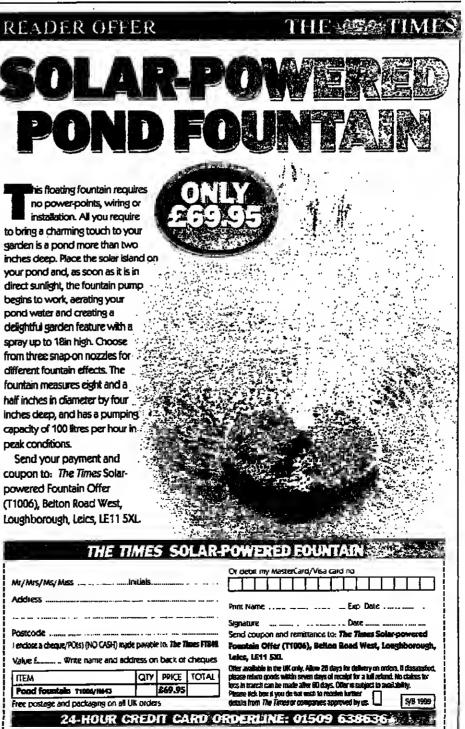
would be with Bucks Fizz or any of those other duty-free Eurovision acts.

Aided by a five-strong troupe of dancers. Steps tackled their simple song and intricate dance routines with a bright, energetic zeal, conducting the event with the relentlessty enforced jollity of a Sat-urday morning kids TV show: "Who hasn't got a copy of our album? Give them a boo." The set encompassed everything worth performing from their album Step One, padded out with a medley of Disney cartoon themes and an insipid version of I'll Be There For You. the theme from TV's Friends. Call me old-fashioned, but I

found the absence of any musicians in the building, let alone on the stage, a distinct disappointment. However, the fact that the entire performance was sung over backing tapes mattered not a jot to Lauren and Jack, who were up on their feet dancing along to the finale of Heartbeat, One For Sorrow and Tragedy, while giant balloons and showers of silver confetti rained down on audience and band alike. "London, you've been the

best audience in the world," one of the Steps boys said from the stage. Even Lauren and Jack looked as if they might have heard that one before as they gamely raised one last scream, on cue from the

DAVID SINCLAIR



Europe must face a cruel truth

Kosovo ends the myth of

security without sacrifice

osovo is a turning point for European se-curity. Its outcome will determine its shape in the post-Cold War world, just as the Berlin blockade of 1948-19 defined the Cold War era. For most of the 1990s, the West has believed that security can be obtained without much risk or cost. Thèse illusions have been shattered by Kosovo, in the very month that Nato is marking its 50th anniversary with a summit in Washington that is supposed to agree a

new "strategic concept".

The illusions date from the end of the Cold War. That was when President George Bush coined the phrase "the new world order" to describe the successful reversal of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. But these words were remaindered almost as quickly as "the end of history", that other fashionable self-detusion of 1989-91. The Gulf War coalition

turned out to be unique. The West did not have an answer to the prolonged fighting in the former Yugoslavia. the various civil wars in the former Soviet Union, let alone the slaughters of Africa, from Rwanda to Somalia. Bosnia, in particular, cruel-

ly exposed European pretensions. At the start of the break-up of Yugoslavia in 1991, Jacques Poos, Foreign Minister of Luxembourg, prodaimed "this is the hour of Europe, not the hour of the Americans". The Bush Administra-

tion was willing to allow the European Union to take the lead, partly in the spirit of "see how you get on without us". There followed four years of killing. transatlantic tensions and thankless work by British and other forces on the ground before the

American-brokered

Dayton agreement of 1995. The Americans claim it was only the belated bombing that worked. But the tide of the war had already changed by then. The Bosnian Serbs, having achieved most of their objectives, were being forced on the defensive by the Croat offensive and by the Bosnian Muslims. Three lessons were drawn.

First, the international community could, and should, intervene in what had previously been regarded as internal conflicts when these threatened humanitarian disasters. Human rights has become as important as, if not more important than, national sovereignty - as also shown by the Lords ruling in the Pinochet case and the Northern Ireland talks. The pressure to act is higher when abuses are close to home and harrowing pictures of refugees appear on television. Among the strong-est advocates of the Nato action have been politicians who made their name on rights issues and in the antinuclear, peace campaigns of the 1970s and 1980s, such as Robin Cook here and Josepha Fischer in Germany. Secondly, whatever hap-

pened in the rest of the world. Nato (led by the United States) would have to take the lead in Europe, even without specific United Nations authorisation. The UN has neither the resources nor the will to stop fighting, while the re-emergence of the Russian and Chinese veto in the Security Council may prevent any ac-

non being approved.

The EU is unable to act on its own. No one imagines that the EU could have kept Greece in line over Kosovo, as Nato just about has so far. The EU common foreign and security policy is still sketchy, while only Britain and, to a lesser extent. France have well trained forces which can be deployed quickly to operations such as Kosovo. Otherwise, Europe is way behind America in having up-to-date and mobile equipment for such

Thirdly, politicians in Washington concluded both from Bosnia and Iraq that precision bombing and cruise missiles could change the course of conflicts. The small number of American casualties in the Gulf created the myth of the high-tech war, and cheap and clinical intervention, while the Somalia debade in 1993 underlined both the risks in committing ground troops and the public's hostile reaction. That has, however, created an incompatibility of ends and

means. On the one hand, Western leaders accept the need to intervene to stop mass slaughter and migration. But, on the other hand, the past ten days have shown that bombing alone cannot prevent such aggression and a humanitarian disaster, Nato leaders have looked muddled

and impotent, being unable or unwilling to mobilise the means to achieve the ends. Whatever doubts

were expressed earlier, Nato now has to complete the job. At a minimum that means ensuring that the refugees can return to their homes in Rosovo and be protected there by an international force. That may involve the use of ground troops at

also at stake. This is not

some macho thing. Se-

curity depends on evidence of

cohesion, political will and, if

necessary, the successful use

of force. A failure in Kosovo

would undermine Nato and post-Cold War stability in

Europe. No wonder the three

new entrants to Nato (the

Czech Republic, Hungary and

Poland) are watching the con-

flict so nervously. There are

also lessons for the EU. While

European security still de-

pends on the United States.

and on Nato, the Americans

will rightly expect the Europe-

ans to strengthen their own

armed forces, to be more of a

partner. The days of the post-Cold War peace dividend

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in Europe are over.

some stage.

It is not tenable to argue that Kosovo is none of our busi-ness. It is in the strategic interests of Britain, and of Europe, to reverse the Serbian aggression. There are direct risks to the stability of surrounding countries and southeastern Europe. Moreover, a massive influx of refugees north and eastwards threatens social and political stability in the heart of Europe, and has become a key factor in Germany, Austria and Italy. The credibibity of Nato is

bia. It will then stop.

Mr Blair is not insisting that the "international force" which will supervise the return of the dispossessed Albanians must be a Nato force. That was the intention at Rambouillet, but the bombing has made that impossible for Yugoslavia. Presumably it will be a UN peacekeeping force, probably with a Russian presence, possibly backed by potential Nato strength.

Nato has already recognised that the Albanians will not return to Kosovo if they are going, once again, to be governed by the Serbs. In theory, that might mean that Nato was committing itself to an independent Kosovo, or a Kosovo



The Serbian endgame

President of the United ter of Great Britain and the Nato authorities have all repeated their assurances that there will be no invasion of Yugoslavia by Nato ground troops. Why were they able to do so with such confidence? Not because the Nato bombing will force President Milosevic to the conference table; he has always intended to go there. Not because the bombing can prevent the continued, and terrible, expulsion of the Albanian population.

There will be no Nato invasion of Rosovo, if only because such an invasion would take months to mount; by the end of this month, the Serbian campaign in Kosovo will be over. What will then have to be decided is not whether to invade, but the negotiation of the peace terms that President Milosevic will offer, after having created the situation be wanted on the ground.

Tony Blair's article in yesterday's Sunday Telegraph shows that he is well aware of the situation, Nato is going to face. He used the article to lay down the peace terms as he would see them. They represent Nato's negotiating position. "Milosevic must be made to do the following before we stop. He must cease his campaign of ethnic cleansing: withdraw his troops; and agree to an international force that can guarantee that the dispossessed of Kosovo can return in safety now and for the future, under a proper plan that ensures that their rights are respected." By the end of April, four weeks

from now, the first condition will already have been met. The campaign of ethnic cleansing will be completed; it will have been taken to whatever point President Milosevic thinks most advantageous to Ser-

Milosevic always gambled on partition, and plans are already being drawn up

protectorate on the present bounda-ries. That would obviously not be compatible with the Serbian war aims, but could be achieved only after victory in a ground war against Yugoslavia. It would take that to reverse Serbia's ethnic cleansing by force. Fortunately, there is the alternative of partition; it is not a perfect alternative, but it has been the 20th-century solution to ethnic conflict in many countries, including Cyprus, India, Ireland, Palestine and, most notably, Bosnia.

If we assume that President Milosevie's policy in Kos-ovo has throughout been based on his experience in Bosnia, it becomes much easier to understand. When he rejected the Rambouillet terms, he must have calculated that Nato would feel forced to implement the long-delayed threat of bombing, however reluctantly. He was prepared to use the Nato bombing as

an opportunity lo change the balance of population in Kosovo in Serbia's favour. Months of preparation must have gone into the lightning campaign of ethnic cleansing. He would have calculated that Nato would be under strong pressure from the hundreds of thousands of refugees. He knew he would have Russia's diplomatic support. He presumably assumed. from the beginning, that Kosovo, like Bosnia, would eventually have to be partitioned. The purpose of this limited war, from his point of view, would have been to improve the terms of the partition which had

become inevitable. So far everything has gone to plan, to Milosevic's plan. Nato did start the bombing and it has provided diplomatic cover for Serbian national support for the ethnic cleansing campaign. Serbia has by now achieved the expulsion of a large part of the Albanian popularion of Kosovo. The bombing, not surprisingly, has raised Milosevic's status as the leader of his own

Serbian people. Russia has given diplomatic support, and Russian public opinion is strongly pro-Ser-bian. Nato has not invaded, nor taken a decision to invade; Nato is not at present able to stop, let alone reverse, the ethnic cleansing. The bombing has so far done relatively minor long-term damage to the economic infrastructure of Serbia, and presumably Nato does not intend to inflict total damage.

The choice that will be offered to

Nato is, in effect, an offer it cannot refuse. Nato can

have a Russian-brokered peace semle-ment on terms quite close to Tony Blair's. If it is prepared to accept the partition of Kosovo along the lines of the partition of Bosnia. The refugees would then be able to return to an Albanian sector of Kosovo, however that might be determined, where they would enjoy autonomy under UN protection. This will not

be a defeat either for Nato or Yugoslavia. Both sides will have made concessions, but will have achieved much of what they wanted. At the price of the partition of Kosovo, Milosevic will have consolidated the boundaries of an ethnically united Serbia, and Nato will have limited the Kosovo conflict and restored the refugees, if not completely. From the humanitarian point of view, a great evil has already been committed; this settlement would improve the condition of the refugees, but ground war would make it even more desperate

Nato does, of course, have the other option, of war. Not just war in the air, but war on the ground, an invasion of Kosovo, a war against Yugoslavia. That is still not inconceivable, if Milosevic does not now follow his own exit strategy. In some months time, if there were no sign of serious peace talks. Nato would almost certainly have to build up the threat of ground war, just as it built up the threat of bombing. If that threat did not produce a peace

settlement an invasion might even have to be carried out. There will, therefore, be staff plans, and deliberate leaks of staff plans, for full-scale ground war. But that will be a last resort: it will only actually happen if Milosevic forces it on Nato.

Milosevic is a ruthless war criminal, but so far he has followed a consistent but limited objective. the consolidation of a strong Serbian national state out of the ethnic break-up of Yugoslavia. That could only now be secured by a successful peace negotiation. It is in his interest to achieve that negotiation.

Nato has equally strong reasons to want a settlement. No one knows what a settlement. No one knows what to do for the dispossessed Kosovans; they are too great a burden for the poor neighbouring states. No Nato power wants to welcome them in large numbers as permanent refugees. War would not set them home but awards get them home, but would cause immense further suffering, and risk a wider Balkan conflict. It would also require a massive military effort and involve heavy casualties.

he war decision would be taken in the United States, which would have to provide a substantial proportion of the troops, and an even higher proportion of the technology. Even if Nato could be held together on such a policy, United States opinion is against a ground war and is likely to remain so. Americans remember the Vietnam disaster, let alone Somalia.

The United States is prepared, in the last resort, to go to war to protect a major American interest, to resist aggression, or to bring to an end an intolerable crime against humanity. That is the reason for the Nato bombing. If President Milosevic, with Russian support, offers peace terms, the United States will not risk heavy losses, or the creation of a second Vietnam in the Balkans, in order to take revenge on the undoubted wickedness of Serbia's ethnic-cleansing policy. In the Sec-ond World War, the policy of the United States was "unconditional surrender". This is not the Second World War. Kosovo - however tragic - is one of the limited wars which have followed the ethnic break-up of Yugoslavia, and both Nato and Serbia, as well as the Russians, are already planning on the assumption of a negotiated

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What a drag

AFTER fighting sabs for decades, New Forest huntsmen face a new enemy; each other. In an encounter reverberating around the country, they have split acrimoniously between diehards refusing to contemplate compromise and more for-ward-looking types who reluctantly accept that change is the only way
of preserving their sport.

As the Government edges towards limiting hunting, Michael
Thomas (below) hopes to establish

a drag-hunt from the embers of the New Forest Buckhounds, which cased chasing fallow deer in 1997. But its former chairman has been repeatedly blocked by the local old guard who consider hunting without a quarry heretical.

"It's never been all about killing

animals," says Thomas. "It's about hound-work and horsemanship. Anne Millar, who leads the opposirion, says: "A drag-hunt does not count as genuine hunting. It is only genuine if there is the scent of an animal. With the drag, it is the scent of aniseed or something.



AFTER a security review at Eastbourne police station, three doors were odded. But the move was undermined when it was found that the locks were mounted on the wrong side of the doors.

■ CLANSMEN of Tony Blair's huilder are taking charge of British architecture. Deyan Sudjic, a member of Lord Rogers of Riverside's circle, is expected to be appointed by Chris Smith as his new architectural custodian.

Sudiic, the founder editor of Blueprint magazine and one-time partner of the daughter of the second husband of Rogers's first wife, would replace Lord St John of Fawsley in our affections: the new quango is to subsume the Royal Fine Art Commission. Sudiic's appointment would fol-

low the election of Marco Goldschmied, the managing director of Richard Rogers Parmership, as President of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Lucy Musgrave. Rogers Jr's partner, already runs the Architecture Foundation.

A WELSH MP wants his colleagues' wages docked to reflect their imminent emasculation. Once o Toffy assembly is set up. Labour's Allan Rogers has urged Alun Michoel, the Welsh Secretary, to adopt the policy because he ond his kind will be effectively job-shoring. Imagine the kerfuffle if Donnld Dewar considered such o plan for Scottish MPs.



■ GENERAL PINOCHET almost stopped Geoffrey Robertson from fine-tuning democracy in Mauri-nus. The leftward-leaning QC was due to fly out on Good Friday to advise on the constitution.

But beforehand he had to deliver to his publishers Crimes against Humnnity, which includes a chap-ter on the generalissimo. With all the legal upsets, Robertson was working up to the last minute. "It's an occasional hazard for writers on expanding areas of the law. Robertson told me, as he darted for the last call with Kathy Lette, his

THE Prince of Wales's least favourite journalist is to pursue a fellowship at the New York Public Library. Anthony Holden will research o life of Leigh Hunt, the Romantic poet, fined £500 and imprisoned in 1813 for attacking the then heir to the throne.

EDWARD WELSH

'If you buy anything of value, you drink to it. This applies to cars, fur coats . . . anything the purchaser feels he can't afford, if the truth be known' three days obmyting the coat with some friends he had made different issue entirely. As much fish-shaped decanter

uy it and you have to obmyt it. Russians are very superstitious people and any purchase that has not been satisfactorily obmyted is liable to find itself lost, stolen, vandalised or otherwise rendered useless to the owner.

This superstitious attitude to life is highly infectious, and it takes only a month or two of residence to find oneself forbidding people from whistling indoors (you will be penniless for ever], refusing to sit at the corner of a table (you will never marry). avoiding shaking hands across the threshold ta bad omen for friendship) and always putting empty bottles on the floor (not sure about this one, but it is probably something to do with avoiding confusion in your drunken stupor over which botles are still of use and which are

The obmytive, however, is a

a tradition as a mere supersution. A part of national heritage and a process considered to be a cheap alternative to expensive. and anyway hugely unreliable. insurance. To the Westerner it can be the

cause of great confusion. The first time I ever came across it (I realised in retrospect) was ten years ago when I was forced to participate in a vile, drunken evening at a Korean restaurant that served only mushrooms in soy sauce, and sliced cucumber (there were shortages in Moscow back then]. The entertainment was a strip show that began at opm and involved some bored reenagers in yellow leorards writhing round the largely empty tables.

Sasna, a terrifying thug, spent the whole evening toasting his new car, which seemed to me the height of vulgarity and bad taste. It brought out the worst in me, and, as a kind of anti-materialistic backlash, had me up on my feet every few minutes making toasts to world peace, the love of my neighhour and the spirituality in all of us. It seemed depress-

ing that people who only a year or so earlier had amazed me with their apparent absence of consumer psychosis and their heightened appreciation for the finer things in life had so quickly transformed into the worst kind of suburban American property enthusiasis. Not only was property suddenly not theft, it seemed to be a

human right. Little did I know. Years later I got off a boat in the Volga town of Togliatti and bought a ceramic blue and gold



with some charming little shot glasses to match. As I reem-barked, a trumpeter told me I should obmyt the set later. Since obmyt comes from the words "to wash". I thought: "He's right. I must give it a rinse," and I wandered off back to my cabin. I had no idea that he was in fact inviting

me for a drink It all became clear when a friend recounted a fur-coat-buying trip to Greece. Olga and her around the Mediterranean with the object of buying this coat (they are apparently cheaper there than in Russia and are obligatory winter wear for women here). Safely back en route for Russia. Olga's husband spent

at the bar. I imagined him hanging over the side of this ship washing it in the sea for three days. When she explained what he was actually doing, it was even stupider. Basically, if you buy anything

of value you have to drink to it. This is similar in concept to wetting the baby's head, but in Russia it applies to cars. fur coats, televisions and anything else that the purchaser feels he cannot really afford, if the truth

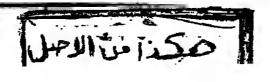
bmytiye is taken very seriously indeed here. Another friend of mine recently had her car siolen and called the police to report the crime. "Did you obmyt the vehicle, madam?" they asked, as though asking whether or not it was legally insured. "Actually,

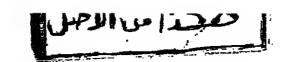
no," she replied. "We had to go away the day after we bought it and we never got round to it." The policemen rolled their eyes, tutted and shrugged their

shoulders. They seemed to be saying: "Why should we investi-gate the theft of this car when its very owners cannot be bothered to look after it properly? Every-body has proof of the obmytive stories about the appalling disasters that befell items they stupidly neglected.

Now your Western cynic might think that this is just another Russian excuse for drinking as much as possible, but I attended a fur-coat obmyriye last week, and sitting around it. drinking champagne and dis-cussing its virtues, one did feel that even if it did get stolen or lost in the near future, at least it had been fully appreciated first

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PHASE THREE

Nato has two weeks in which to save Kosovo

Ten days after its military intervention hegan Nato is only now beginning to inflict the scale of damage necessary to alter Serbian calculations. The shift to Phase Three, an intensive bombardment directed at the entire infrastructure of the Serbian state, has brought obvious results. A network of military establishments has been crippled, key bridges destroyed, and oil installations disabled. The authorities in Belgrade, for whom this had been almost a phoney war for the first week, are no longer under such illusions. The various Nato publics, especially in those nations providing the majority of military materiel, have, if anything, become more not less determined to see this enterprise through. The calculated, cynical, and criminal manner in which President Milosevic has attempted to eradicate his Kosovan Albanian population has persuaded many who might have harboured doubts that there is no turning back now.

Nato has not, however, enjoyed the best of fortune. Adverse weather conditions have hindered the air campaign. The sheer determination of Serbia to get rid of the Kosovans has undoubtedly taken generals and politicians alike by surprise. A small army of armchair analysts, all operating with the considerable benefit of hindsight, has spent much of this past weekend wondering why the refugee exodus was not anticipated. In truth, even if Nato had known exactly what Mr Milosevic intend-- ed to do, there was little that could have stopped him. The hope was that the first two phases of this campaign could be completed at sufficient speed as to limit that damage. This, unfortunately, has not

proved to be the case. As a result the Serbian leadership has managed to displace approximately one third of the Kosovan Albanian population. If matters continue at this pace then Mr Milosevic will have removed the entire dissident population from his renegade province. Nato resources would then need to be redeployed from air power to a very

different form of ground war, a battle against mass hunger and disease. Nato has the orders and the opportunity to alter the balance of this awful equation. The weather is improving and the military is operating on the longest practical political leash. The United States and Britain, as senior Nato members, must ensure that the moment is seized and the momentum intensified. Absolutely nothing else will persuade the Yugoslav Army that it must sue for peace.

Mr Milosevic will not step aside quietly. It must be assumed that he will remain in power in Belgrade. If he has drained even half of the Kosovan Albanians from his soil then he will offer the rest not autonomy but partition. He will attempt to keep those parts of northern Kosovo that have an historic hold upon, and economic value to his country. He will offer Nato the almost impossible task of reconstructing human life in the remainder. Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Prime Minister, will doubtless be solicited as the middleman for this spurious "compromise". The Serbian leadership will assume that a war-weary Nato leadership will eat out of his hands. Mr Milosevic must be told, in unmistakable tones, that no such arrangement can ever be accepted.

The next two weeks are of fundamental importance to Nato. If Phase Three does not work then, in air power terms, there does not appear to be a Phase Four available. The Nato command would be faced with a fateful choice between ground troops and an all-out invasion of Kosovo or scaling back its aims and accepting the resulting humiliation. The preparations for the former should begin because the latter would be little short of a disaster. Nato's credibility as a military organisation would be shattered. There is still time for an air barrage of sufficient accuracy and scope to make all the difference. Nato has begun to alter the calculus of this conflict. Strong nerves are needed this week to ensure that this advantage really counts.

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

The Church needs a tax break

The Christian Church is about to mark the onset of its third millennium. The VAT system is barely 25 years old. But, in its relatively brief span, the latter has come to prove itself a serious strain on ecclesiastical funds. Though when VAT was first mooted in the early 1970s many may have hoped that charitable organisations might have been exempted, they were proved lamentably wrong. The annual VAT bill payable on repairs done to listed church buildings alone now amounts to some £16 million. If unlisted and non-Anglican churches are included, this bill rises by almost as much again. Britain's places of worship are facing an incapacitating monetary crisis. And at a time of declining congregations and dwindling collections, churches are floundering in a financial mire. Surely the forthcoming celebration of Christianity's 2000th birthday would provide an opportune moment to try to redress this wrong?

The Government already offers some help in the form of funds delivered through such organisations as National Heritage. But by imposing VAT on repairs to church buildings what it gives so generously with one hand is filched back with the other. This illogicality arose as the result of an inconsistency in the tax system: new works and alterations to listed buildings are zero-rated, but repairs incur the full rate of VAT at 17.5 per cent which means that, while building a new parish hall might incur no tax, the repair of the leaking church roof can prove prohibiovely expensive. Ecclesiasocal organisations wrangle for hours with that somewhat less spiritual organisation, Customs and Excise, debating the boundaries. Does refitting an organ, for instance, constitute a new work or a repair?

The Government's refusal to clarify such areas of confusioo is inconsistent. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, may have acknowledged that it is "odd" to have an anomaly which provides "effectively an incentive for people to alter and build anew rather than repair the best of the old". But his colleagues argue that changes would entangle an already confusing VAT system in even more complexities. Even if they did want to reduce the rate. ministers claim that their hands are tied by an EU directive which excludes repairs to historic buildings in the list of items accepted as eligible for a lower VAT.

These are weak excuses. Since the Government admits that the current system is anomalous, it should propose the case for change at the Council of Ministers. It may not encounter that much opposition. Within the EU there is already a broad recognition that it would be appropriate to accept historic buildings to be suitable for a lower VAT rate. Britain's churches - like those of Europe - provide some of the nacion's richest cultural repositories as well as important centres for both rural and urban communities to meet. Religion can act as a binding force among increasingly fragmented societies. It is time for the Government to prove that it has faith in its

MUSEUM PEACE

Visitors will find repose in an elegant new courtyard

Last autumn 140 years of history ended not with a bang but a whisper as the British Museum's Round Reading Room closed. Academics whose elbows had worn smooth the same desks that Thomas Hardy and Lenin once leant over, gathered up their pens and papers and half-moon spectacles and decamped to St Pancras. At the time these creatures of intellectual habit were unsettled. A tradition as English as Earl Grey tea and London fog was passing and they lamented it.

Now, six months later, most of them are contentedly ensconced in an impressive new building, availing themselves of improved research facilities. No doubt the myriad tiny habits which accrete through the years, condensing first into customs. ossifying slowly into history are already reforming at hundreds of new reading desks. But those who still mourn their lost Bloomsbury building will find much to console them in the architectural plans for the British Museum described in The Times Arts pages today. As the Round Reading Room becomes a centrepiece for the largest covered courtyard in Europe. one of Britain's most demure architectural teons will recapture the vision which

inspired its designer from the start Sir Robert Smirke first presented his a w British Museum in 1923. In these to proposed four wings containing galleries set around a rectangular courtyard, but as work progressed it became clear that additional storage was required.

And since the museum's collection was given priority over the aesthetics of the building that was to house it. Smirke's plans for elegant peramubulatory spaces were peremptorily changed. The Round Reading Room and adjoining bookstacks were constructed unside his proposed courtyard. Graceful Georgian proportions were chopped up with mezzanines, elegant window sashes were sliced and a portico was demolished and the space purloined for the addition of an extension.

Now, with the help of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, alterations - intended to be completed in time for the 250th anniversary of the museum in 2003 - will echo Smirke's original aesthetic In a speciacular feat of engineering. a maring, ribbed dome will be thrown - so currangly

constructed that it will appeal unsupported - over classical façades. Within this covered plaza, temperature-modulated, flooded with light, the public will be able to stroll. If anything this design will be an improvement on Smirke's original plans for his intentions were thwarted from the start by a deep shade of stone in which grass struggled vainly to grow, and pestiler. apours congregated. But now. just as ellectual cogs are continuing quietly to men in the new St Pancras iocation of the great British Library, so another piece of history will be seamlessly recreated as the public once more finds space for contemplation amid one of the finest treasure collections in the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Nato planning is at 'half-cock'

From Sir John Weston

Sir, Now is not a time to carp, and our military and diplomade colleagues need public support and encouragement in the current predicament.

But it is also, surely, the moment for the Alliance to put its money where its mouth is. We have told voters and taxpayers for years that the new Nato in the Nineties is about such things as "combined joint task forces", flexible and rapid deployment, and force projection, especially from sea to land. We have even practised such concepts expensively in far-flung spots to demonstrate their viability. We tell the UN that Nato has professional exper-Ose to lend them in peacekeeping and crisis management.

It therefore will not do to say that all this is suddenly in the too-difficult box. Military planning is at half-cock if it does not provide for follow-through to make good in Kosovo on the ground.

This is Europe, not the other side of the world. If the Americans will not join us there, the Europeans may have to give a lead again; as we did for several years under the UN flag in Bosnia, before the Dayton agreement was struck and Nato came in to police a peace which events have now again placed in jeopardy.

Yours sincerely, JOHN WESTON (Permanent Representative to Nato. 1992-95; Permanent Representative at the United Nations, 1995-98). 13 Denbigh Gardens, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6EN.

From Professor Sir Hermann Bondi,

Sir, This is perhaps the time to appreciate the greatness of a former Prime Minister, Harold Wilson. He resisted successfully the enormous pressures to join the US in its war in Vietnam. The pressure emanated from Presi-Lyndon Johnson to whom Harold Wilson was tied not only by the special relationship but also by deep sympathy for his social outlook and policy. Moreover, the group that the US tried to prevent taking over all of Vietnam was very nasty, as evidenced later by the "boat people". perhaps the most tragic refugee movement of the last half century (of

whom many perished at sea).
Yet we all agree that Harold Wilson was right and gratitude is approprate. We should remember this before we get involved yet more deeply in the

Yours sincerely, HERMANN BONDI, Churchill College, Cambridge CB3 0Ds.

From Vice-Admiral Sir James Jungius

Sir. What an excellent article by Libby Purves on the Kosove affair ("Utter. bloody, folly", March 30). It was Clemenceau who said: "War is too serious a matter to entrust to military men." One hates to contradict him. but perhaps it is too important a business to be left to poliocians.

Yours faithfully JAMES JUNGIUS Lawithick Mylor Churchiewn. Falmouth, Comwalt TRI: 5UE

From Mr Gerhard Spanier Sir, Has there ever been a civil war during which atrocities were commit-

ted by one side only? Yours faithfully. G. SPANIER. Bryn Myfyt. 549 Middle Road, Ravenhill, Swarsea SA5 5DH.

From Mr John Preston

Sir. You report (March 30) that the BBC's Nine O'clock News has become the highest rated news programme since the start of the Nato bombing campaign. With such an obvious demand for information it beggars belief that they have chosen not to replace their scheduled programmes with more news, analysis and com-

After a brief news flash at 8pm on Wednesday, March 24, to announce the start of the campaign, the viewer was iorced to wait through Changing Rooms and Holiday Reps Get Married before receiving any further information. This came from a Nine O'clock News that was extended by a

mere ten minutes The morning of the death of Diana. Princess of Wales, saw all programmes on BBCI replaced by blanker news coverage. The situation in Kasaya may not have the gladuae or pondar appeal of that even lit does, however, constitute the star of nostilines that have the potential to grow into the biggest conflict in Europe since the Second World War.

For those of us who do not enjoy access to BBC News 24, the BBC's meagre coverage represents a complete failure to fulfil its remit as the provider of a public service.

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Dismay at school music changes

From Mr Peter Auker

Sir. I am Head of Music in what was until recently a grant-maintained (now "foundation status") mixed comprehensive school in Luton. The school is vastly oversubscribed, with an enviable reputation in sport and the arts, and for its academic excellence. It has recently been awarded Arts College status, to take effect from September.

Three years ago we decided to implement our own instrumental tuition service because the service provided by the local education authority (LEA) seemed to be poorly organised, poorly staffed, and poor value for money. The improvements have been remarkable: more children taking up instru-ments, improved staff loyalty, praise from Ofsted and a dramatic improvement in exam results.

I am dismayed that we have now been ordered by our LEA to return to their control, under new local management of schools regulations. Although clearly takes away from the school much of its control over employment. It is ironic that these regulations were brought in to safeguard music in

we have been told we may initially

keep our team of teachers, this move

schools. I see them as a severe threat to the service we have established and find it hard to believe that schools with demonstrably successful systems of their own are not to be allowed to retain control over them.

With all curriculum areas having to suffer a cut in funding of 40-50 per cent this year, the service to our pupils will inevitably suffer, as will staff morale. My colleagues and t are going to find it extremely difficult to resource a sansfactory service on this kind of money.

Yours faithfully, PETER AUKER, 16 Torquay Drive, Luton, Bedfordshire LU4 9LN. peter_auker@hotmail.com April 1.

Care of young offenders

From Mr Martin Nary, Director General of HM Prison Service

Sir, The Director of the Prison Reform Trust suggests (letter. March 31) that locking after young delinquents should be no business of the Prison

It is not so simple, even at Feltham Young Offender Institution. The Chief Inspector himself acknowledged that there are pockets of good practice. Only last week I was present when the Princess Royal presented Butler Trust awards in recognidon of the outstand-ing work of prison officers in two

Elsewhere in establishments for under 18-year-olds significant progress is under way. The development of high quality, constructive regimes at Huntercombe. Thorn Cross and Werrington shows what can be achieved with carefully targeted investment. We are in the process of extending this ap-

will care for young people, in the new, distinct, under-18 establishments, using £51 million provided in the Comprehensive Spending Review. This will enable us to spread good practice consistently and transform standards across the board,

18-year-olds in our care should benefit from a regume which is focused on providing a full and purposeful day. maintaining a safe and secure environment and, crucially, is aimed at preventing offending.

Yours sincerely. MARTIN NAREY. Director General. HM Prison Service, Page Street, SWI 4LN. April I.

Hollywood 'witch-hunt'

From Mr Nigel West

Sir. The explanation for Yevgeni Pri-makov's alleged failure to find any trace of Alger Hiss in the KGB files (leners. March 27, see also lener. March 23) may be because Hiss spied for a different organisation, the Soviet Military Intelligence Service (GRU).

That Hiss did so is beyond any gram from Washington DC to Mos-cow dated March 30, 1945, recently declassified and released in the VENONA series, which confirms that a say in the State Department codenamed ALES had worked for the CRU "continuously since 1935", and had run a small network of agents for the most part consisting of his

The authenticity of the text, which was decrypted in full, has not been challenged, and there cannot be any question that ALES was Hiss, for in the same telegram he was reported to and to have held a private meeting there with the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky. Only Alger Hiss fitted this description and, contrary to John Lowenthal's view. hardly anyone now believes he was a victim ut a miscarnage of justice.

Professor Ralston's assertion that the Un-American Activities Committee found only one Soviet collaborator is unsupported by the facts. The VEN-ONA texts have also demonstrated overwhelmingly the guilt of Harry Dexter White (a fact now acknowledged by his former NKVD contact), Laurance Duggan, John Abt. etc.

Based on the VENONA material, which was unavailable to Joe Mc-Carthy, and other evidence, it is far more difficult to name a single "innocent" victim of either the Hollywood blacklist or the so-called witch-hunt.

Yours faithfully, NIGEL WEST. 96 Eaton Terrace, SWIW SUG. nigel@westintel.co.uk March 27.

Trachers' pay

Show Mr Hywel James

Sir. a believe Miss Gertrud Seidmann is wrong about pupils being the best judges of the performance of teachers (letter, April 1).

When I started teaching more than 30 years ago, there was a self-regard-ing individual in the staffroom who was worshipped by his pupils. He was popular with his classes because he flattered the children in then; and played to the gallery so to speak

In fact his results were poor. The more discriminating boys eventually saw through his approach and opted for teachers who offered a regime which was more demanding but which laid the foundations for self-reliance, hard work and success in later

I became a member of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools later and became convinced through classroom observation that popularity and rigour do not always go hand in hand in

Yours faithfully, HYWEL JAMES. Spencer House, Coleford. Nr Crediton, Devon EX17 5DA. April I.

Visiting the BM

From Sir Simon Towneles

Sn. Jayne Dowle arikle April II reters to the liwrong almo of visitors" to the British Museum All visitors salety must be welcome to the must comprehensive museum in the world.

Circulation has always been a problem for the BM. The Great Court scheme will help to solve it and 1 hope Jane Dowle has made her contribu-Meanwhile 1 feel sure the Trustees

would be interested to learn where she would see "the excellent tempoair hisplays in more prominent thin the building" · ne obedient servant,

SEMON TOWNELEY (Trustee, 1988-93). Dyneley, Burnley. Lancashire BBII 3RE. April I.

proach to other establishments which

The aim is to ensure that all under

If we can achieve that - and I believe we can - ministers and the Youth Justice Board will have no need to look for alternative providers of accommodation.

Headquarters. Cleland House.

have attended the Yalta Conference

Food labelling

From Mr Michael Walton

Sir, Professor lan Shaw makes, I believe, an excellent suggestion (letter, March 30): that American meat containing growth hormones be displayed labelled with that information so that potential purchasers can make up their own minds. Surely this pracocal approach could be extended to the other products that are so exercising the minds of producers and consumers alike: for example, genetically modified foods, milk from bovine somatotrophin-enhanced herds and irradiated products. Rather than Nanny deciding for us, we can decide for ourselves. I suspect such market forces will determine the outcome, as Professor Shaw suggests.

I also wonder if this technique would provide a way around the draconian EU reguladons that are sounding the death knell of small abattoirs, makers of speciality foods, etc. If the product is clearly labelled as not conforming to such-and-such an EU directive but satisfies the relevant British standard, is the consumer not enhiled to make his choice?

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL WALTON. Thriplow House. Thriplaw, Hertfordshire SG8 7RD. March 31.

War crimes

From Mr Barry Baines

Sir, You report (April 2) that Britain's eight-year manhunt to track Nazi Second World War killers has cost more than £11 million. It has resulted in a frail old man being convicted of crimes committed in 1942. Whatever the gravity of the crimes, there comes a time when the door must be shul on the past. Would not the money have been better spent on the National Health Service caring for those who can still be helped?

Yours faithfully, BARRY BAINES, 45 Preston Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 6PX. barry.baines@btinternet.com

Biography: an art of insights and lies

From Mr Laurence King

Sir. Michael Holroyd's observations on biography ('Parasites and peddlers". March 31) seem to me to be unduly masochistic, partly because he ignores one of the most valid and interesting types of biography, that of historical figures.

It appears that in his literary Utopia, these biographies and those of the recently dead would not be wrinen at all. But how can we understand the history of a period without having some idea of the choices confronting the people who shaped it, seen from their own point of view? History would be incomparably poorer with-out the insights derived from these biographies.

I would defend, too, the biographies of contemporary sporting heroes and members of the Royal Family. The prurient interest in these figures is created partly because readers see the issues that they face in their own lives fought out on a "mythic" level in these popular biographies. However undesirable it is, new systems of morality are shaped by the accounts of the lives of famous personalities printed in

newspapers and books. Oddly, biographies of writers and artists seem to be the most questionable, as the point of their lives is very seldom the lives themselves and almost always the work they produce. which can be devalued by an overly

biographical interpretation. in the end, Michael Holroyd's in vective is. I feel, directed at the morivation of biographers. Given his audience (the article being an extract from a talk to the Biographers' Club) this must surely have been largely

Yours faithfully, LAURENCE KING, Laurence King Publishing, 71 Great Russell Street, WCIB 3BN.

From Mr Roland Hill

Sir, Michael Holroyd's hit against biographers should also include Sigmund Freud, who said what seems to me the last word on the subject. According to Paul Roazen's Freud and his Followers (1971) Freud responded negatively to Arnold Zweig, who had proposed writing his biography: Anyone turning biographer commits him-self to lies, to concealment, to hypocrisy, to flattery, and even to hiding his own lack of understanding, for biographical truth is not to be had, and even if it were it couldn't

I am writing as a humble practitioner of the craft.

ROLAND HILL 2 Arundel Court, Raymond Road, SWI9 4AF. March 31.

Signs of the times

From Mr Stephen Walker

Sir, A sign on a table in a local furniture shop states; "This item is not currently available due to its desirabili-

Whatever happened to "sold out"? Yours faithfully, STEPHEN WALKER. 223 Hartington Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 3PA.

Wedding gifts

From Mrs Alison Musker Sir. As a wedding present I gave Georgian silver grape-scissors to a schoolfriend (letters, March 18, 24, 30

She wrote back thanking me for the beaudful candle snuffers". Yours faithfully, ALISON MUSKER,

8 Farley Court. Farley Hill,

Reading, Berkshire RG7 ITT.

From Mr Henry Button Sir, Mr John Cockram tells us (letter. March 24) that he has for years given a silver butter knife as a wedding present. He may have had in mind the old definition of a gentleman as someone who always used a butter knife

even if he was dining by himself. Yours faithfully, HENRY BUTTON, 17 Amhurst Court, Grange Road, Cambridge CB3 9BH. March 25.

From Mr Peter Hudson

Sir. As the knife was given as a wedding present, it should have been obvious it was intended "for butter or

Yours faithfully, PETER HUDSON, Windrush, Walcot Road, Ufford, Nr Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 3BP. April I.

From Mrs Elizabeth Bridger

Sir, The most original wedding gift we received was from a saintly retired clergyman. It was a little booklet. entitled Words of Comfort.

Yours truly, ELIZABETH BRIDGER. The Elms, 4 Common Lane, Sheringham, Norfolk NR26 8PL.

SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming royal engagements

April 7: the Duke of York will launch the Royal News Magazine on the Internet, at Cafe Internet, 22/24 Buckingham Palace Road, London SWI. April 12-15: the Duke of Gloucester will carry out engagements in Poland.

April 14: the Duke of Kent. patron, Stroke Association, will attend the association's centenary year international scientific conference, Royal College of Physicians, London,

Birthdays today

Professor John Albery. FRS. former Master, University College, Oxford, 63; Miss Jane Asher, actress and writer, 53; Mr Michael Bryant, actor, 71; Mr James Buckley, chief executive, Baltic Exchange, 55; Mr Andrew Buxton, chairman, Barclays Bank, 60; Baroness Delacourt-Smith of Alteryn. 83: Sir Thomas Finney, former footballer, 77; Lord Gilbert, 72; Mr Arthur Hailey, author, 79; Sir Nigel Hawthorne, actor, 70: Sir Dougfas Henley. former Auditor-General, 80; Professor Denis Lawton, former director, London University Institute of Education, 68: Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, 63; Professor Donald Lynden-Bell, FRS, astronomer, 64; Mr Robert E. McKee, former chairman and managing director, Conoco (UK), 53; Mr Stuart May, former senior partner, Theodore Goddard. 62; Professor Peter Moore, former Principal, London Business School. 71; Lord Orme, 76; Mr Gregory Peck, actor, 83: Miss Jennifer Penney, former ballerina, 53; General Colin Powell, KCB, former Chairman, American Joint Chiefs of Staff, 62: Lord Rockley, 65.

Anniversaries

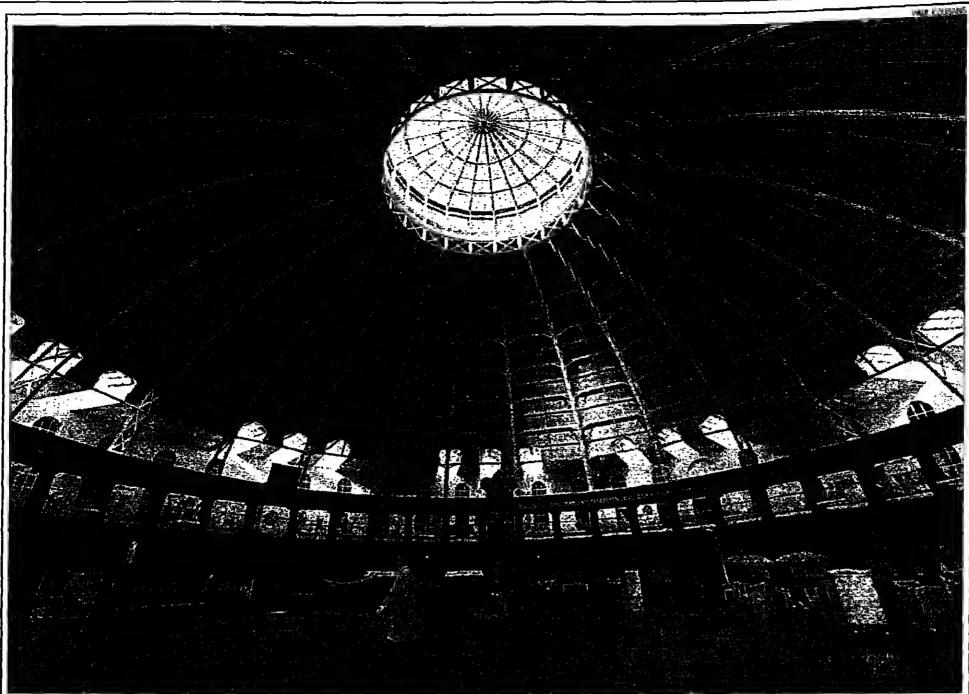
BIRTHS: Thomas Hobbes, philosopher. Malmesbury, Wiltshire, 1588; Jean Honore Fragonard, painter, Grasse, France, 1732; Sir Henry Havelock, general, relieved Lucknow during the Indian Mutiny, Sunderland, 1795; Joseph Lister, Baron Lister, surgeon and founder of antiseptic medicine, Upton, Essex, 1827: Algernon Swinburne, poet and critic, London, 1837; Spencer Tracy, actor, Milwaukee. Wisconsin, 1900; Herbert von Karajan. ductor, Salzburg, 1908.

DEATHS: William Brouncker. 2nd Viscount Brouncker. mathematician, first President of the Royal Society 1662-77. 1684; Georges-London. Jacques Danton, French Revolution leader, executed. Paris, 1794; Robert Raikes, pioneer of Sunday schools, Gloucester, 1811; George Edward Herbert, 5th Earl of Carnarvon, archaeologist, Cairo, 1923; Douglas Mac-Arthur. American Army Washington, 1964; Chiang Kai-shek, head of the National Government in China 1928-49, Taiwan, 1975; Howard Hughes, manufacturer, aviator and film producer, on flight to Houston, Texas, 1976; Sir Arthur Harris. Marshal of the RAF, Goring, Oxfordshire, 1984.

Johann Strauss's opera Die Fledermaus was performed in Vienna, 1874. The trial of Oscar Wilde began at the Old Bailey for offences arising from his friendship with Lord Alfred Douglas.

Winston Churchill resigned as Prime Minister, 1955. The British Task Force sailed from Southampton for the Falkland Islands after the

invasion by Argentina, 1982.



High and mighty: the overarching dome of Devonshire Royal Hospital. The Health Secretary has decided that the building is no longer suitable for use as a modern hospital.

Government puts dome up for sale

"FOR SALE" signs have gone up outside the historic Devonshire Royal Hospital in Buxton which boasts what is believed to be the largest unsupported dome in

In the last century the Victorians flocked to the spa town to marvel at the cavernous central feature which they cherished as an architectural wonder, wider and deeper than the Dumo in Florence and St Peter's in Rome. Nowadays, the visitor steps into an extraordinary space — part aircraft hangar, part cathedral — where steel struls, resting on an 8th-century colonnade, vault upwards towards a smaller glass cupola.

Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health, has decided that the building, which has been home to the Devonshire Royal since 1934, is unsuitable for use as a modern hospital and has offered it for sale. Heritage groups have expressed centre, hotel, houses or mixed devel-alarm that the dome may go the opment. Substantial grants from

An architectural wonder in the spa town of Buxton could go to the right buyer for as little as £1, reports Russell Jenkins

same way as the Crescent, built by the 5th Duke of Devonshire, which has remained empty and shrouded in security fencing for a decade.

Breeze blocks cover windows. The forforn fate of the elegant anartments, where aristocrats once took the warm spring waters, has upset conservation groups who say that Buxton, long known as the "Bath of the North", could be damaged irrevocably if the dome is allowed to fall into disrepair.

However, King Sturge, the Manhandling the sale, is optimistic that it will be able to find a suitable buyer to give the dome a new lease of life whether as a college, a conference

English Heritage would be available to the right buyer, who might pay as

Derby University has already expressed an interest in turning the dome into a modern library to give the North a building to match the Reading Room of the British Library. Mike Bryant, superintendent physiotherapist and the hospi-tal's unofficial historian, said: 'We only daim it is the largest dome in Europe - one of the biggest in the world - but, there again, you don't set many with slates on the outside.

"As part of our heritage, it is important that people have access to the inside and only an institution which has a fairly open activity, such as a college, could accommodate that. The danger is the dome could

degenerate very quickly if left empty because there is quite an expanse of flat roof around the dome. This is not conducive to Buxton weather."

Visitors to the hospital are immediately impressed by the sheer scale of the architect's vision. The daily life of a specialist hospital, meanwhile, carries on regardless along the corridors and wards emanating from the dome like spokes in a wheel.

It was originally built in 1789 as the Duke of Devonshire's "Great Stables" by the architect John Carr. trace the path where the wealthy and influential used to exercise their horses in the open air.

In the 1850s the then Duke of Devonshire offered part of the shallow copper building to the Buxton Spa charity to steam cabinets.

establish a hospital where the sick poor could take the healing mineral waters. In 1876 the charity's trustees acquired the rest with money from the Cotton Districts Convalescent

They decided to cover the huge circular space with a slate dome. The architect Robert Duke devised a steel structure resting on the original colonnade. Ominously, he began expressing concern about its safety after the Tay Bridge disaster. At 154ft across, it is 6ft wider than the Dumo, 14ft wider than the British Museum Reading Room and loft wider than St Peter's, in Rome.

It will chiefly be remembered as a specialist hospital which pioneered have come to rely less on the healing properties of the spa mineral water. Early photographs show emaciated patients in whirtpool baths, lying in shallow copper baths or enclosed in

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Durham and Miss H.R.A. Gaywood The engagement is announced between Mauhew, son of Mr and Embassy, Ulaanbaatar, and Harriet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Gaywood, of Kippen, Sorlingshire.

Mr J.W. Handley and Dr A.K. New

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr W.R.C. Handley, of Bethnal Green, London, and Mrs M.C.D. Kent, of Isleworth, Middlesex, and Anna elder daughter of Dr R.G. Newhouse, of St Dominic, Cornwall, and Mrs J.A. Newhouse, of Plymouth, Devon,

University news

Oxford The Brian Johnson Prize in Pathology for 1998 has been awarded to W. Dear, Brasenose College: provime accesserum: Houman Ashrafian, St John's College, and Ferdia A. Gallagher New College

Cambridge

Oucens' College Beverley Jane Glover, BSc (St Andrews). PhD Uohn Innes Centre, University of East Anglia) currently a Research Fellow of Queens College Cambridge, has been elected to an Official Fellowship and College Lectureship in Plant Molecular Genetics at the

St Edmund's College The following have been elected into Fellowship: Honorary Fellowship: Bridget M Ogilvie, DBE, ScD.

Fellowships from April I: In Class C: Edwin Roy Chilvers. Professor of Respiratory Medicine. lo Class D: E M Katharina Brett, To Commissioning Editor, Cambridge University Press: Christopher Graham Rapley, director, Briosh Antarctic Survey; Bruce William Winter, Warden, Tyndale

Re-appointed for live years from September L 1999: Director of finance and administration: Moira Gardiner, Corpus Christi,

The following have been awarded

honorary degrees: The Sultan of Perak, LLD: Mrs Doris Lessing, author, DLit: Pro-fessor Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Profes-sor of Physics, Open University, DSc: Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, DSc (Econ): Professor Richard Peto, FRS, Professor of Medical Statistics and Endeministery Over Statistics and Epidemiology. Oxford University, graduate of the university, DSc (Med); Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord of Appeal, graduate of the university, ULD; Professor Sir William Taylor, DLit (Ed).

The following appointments have

been made: Pro Vice-Chancellor: Professor Howard Barringer, re-appointed for two years from September I. Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing: David Gordon, at present director of special initiatives at the Wellcome Trust, from September, with the title of Professor of Medicine for so

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long as he shall continue to hold appointment as Dean. Appointments to Chairs Promotional Chair of Unevistics William Croft, Reader in Linguistics, as Professor of Linguistics. Promotional Chair of Applied

Mathematics: Peter William Duck, Reader in Mathematics, as Professor of Applied Mathematics in the

Ulster The following promotions have been made:

Dr Noel Hyndman, Reader in Accounting in the School of Management, has been appointed Prolessor of Management Accounting. Professor A. Marshall McCabe Reader in the School of Environmental Studies, has been appointed Professor of Quaternary

Science. Mrs Terri Scott, Head of School of Computing and Mathematics, has been appointed Professor of Informatics and Technology Transfer. Dr W Franklin Smyth, Senior Lecturer in the School of Applied Biological and Chemical Sciences. has been promoted to a Professor

in Bio-Analytical Chemistry. Dr David J. Sturdy, Senior Lecturer in the School of History. Philosophy and Politics, has been appointed Professor of Early Modern History.

Latest wills

Lord Alport, of Layer-de-la-Haye, Coichester, left estate valued at £379,365 net.

He left £300 to St John the Baptist Cherch, Layer-de-la-Haye, and £300 to the Village Produce Association, Layer-de-la-Haye. Mr Oleg Prokofiev, sculptor and painter, and son of the composer, Serge Prokotiev, of London SE3, left estate valued at £4,350,318 net. John Barrie Thorndyke, of Skettington. Leicestershire, left estate valued at £2,213,168 net.

Thomas Patrick O'Sullivan, of Beckenham, Kent, left estate valued at £1,860,641 net. Vyvyan Bernard Wells, of Letchworth. Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £1,102,466 net.

He left £20,000 to the Machityre Churitable Trust: £5,000 each to the RNTB, and Camper Research Campaign: £4,000 to the RSPCA: and £3,000 to the RNLL. Michael Edward Wylie Samuelson, of London W8, left estate

valued at £1.769,355 net. Maurice James Frederick Saxton. of Bramshott, Liphook, HampElla Knight Smith, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,150,568 net.

Sylvia Ury, of London NW3, left estate valued at £1,268,980 net. She left £500 to the Association of Jewish Refugees and to the Jewish National Pund. Hubert Park Walker, of Lordon SW20, left estate valued at E1,669,509 net.

He left IS,000 each to Trinity United Reformed Church, Wimbledon, The Old Rutishians' Association, London SWI9, National Free Church Women's Council of London, SWI9, Bantersca Home for Dogs, and the Salvation Army; and \$4,000 each to the Insernational League for Protection of Horses, Donkey Sanctuary, and POSA. Joan Kathleen Whittaker, of Cirencester, Gloucester, left estate

valued at El,186,213 net. Denis Gordon Woodward, of Norbury, Whitchurch, Shropshire, left estate valued at £1,500,290 net. Mr Leopold Geddy, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £2,283,560 net. He left £12,000 to the Guide Dogs for the

Mr Thomas Edward Sydney Eger-ton, of Newbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £6,730,338 net. shire, left estate valued at £995,982

Nature notes

Birds are beginning to build their nests early this spring. Moorhens are swimming across ponds trailing reed by their side, blackbirds are pulling up dry grass by the roots, starlings are flying in and out of holes with beaks

full of feathers: even chaffinchpormally quite late breed-CTS. arc ontstructing their mossy nests in the forks of fruit trees. More summer visitors are

arriving: many

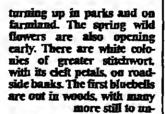
The blackcap blackcaps have come in from the Mediterranean this weekend and are singing vigorously in the treetops, and the first swallows are feeding over

lakes and rivers. Lesser

black-backed gulls, moving

up to northern coasts, are

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often surrounded by a carpet of wood anemo-

fold; they are

som, though flowers are already fading and falling. The flowers are open on the wild cherries; where they grow at the edge of a wood of tall trees, they look like a white waterfall on

the wood's flank.

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nes. Blackthorn hedges are of white blos-

foaming masses many of the

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Church news

Appointments The Rev Richard Awre, Vicar, Longridge (Blackburn): to be Vicar, Kenilworth St Nicholas (Coventry).

The Rev Brendan Bailey, Curate, Puricy St Mary the Virgin (Oxford): to be Rector, Nettlebed w Bix and Highmoor (same diocese). The Rev Allan Brownridge, Rector, Boyton, North Tamerton. Werrington w St Giles-in-the-Heath, and Virginstow, and Rural Dean of Trigg Major (Truro): has been appointed Honorary Canon of

Truro Cathedral. The Rev Roy Burch, Vicar, Kinwarton w Great Alne and Haselor

(Coventry): has been appointed Rural Dean of Akester (same dipoese). The Rev Dr Judith Bryan, Assist-

ant Curate, Wolverhampton St Matthew (Lichfield): to be Chaplain, University of Hull (York). Canon Neil Collings, Rector, Harpenden St Nicholas, and Honorary Canon of St Albans Cathedral: to be Residentiary Canon of

The Rev Ronald Crankshaw, Vicar, Wigan St Anne, and Area Dean of Wigan West (Liverpool): to be Vicar, Heston St Leonard (London).

The Rev Timothy Davis, Curate, Fisherton Anger (Salisbury): to be Team Vicar, Abingdon Christ Church (Oxford). The Rev Dr Ian Farley, Vicar, South Lambeth St Stephen (South-

wark): to be Vicar, Bacton w Edingthorpe w Witton and Ridling-ton, and Industrial Chaplain, Bacton Gas Terminal (Norwich). Retirements and resignations

The Very Rev Peter Berry, Rector and Provost, St Philip's Cathedral (Birmingham) retired April 30. The Rev John Druce, Rector, East Bergholt, and Priest-in-Charge, Bentley w Tattingstone (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) retired The Rev John Harper, Vicar,

South Brem and Rattery (Exeter) to retire June 30. The Rev George Southey, Vicar. Scarborough St Columba (York) to retire June 30.

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And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying. "The Loud is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." Luke 24.33-34 (AV). BIRTHS

GREGORY - On let April, to Charlotte, a con, Kristlan Alexander Stuart, MCSAM - On 30th March to Alison (nos Mackay) and Aliso s boy, Euan, brothe to Calum, both well

DEATHS

BACH - Stephen Craine
Coulden CBE, OBE (Mill).
Younger son of the late
Doctor M I and Mrs Ada
Bach at Greengates,
Oxford on 2nd April aged
88. Much loved father and
stepfather of William,
Belinds and James,
devoted husband of the
late Joan Beck and of
Gaynor, cheristed by his Gaynor, cherished by his grandchildren. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium at 12.45 on Friday 9th April.

DEATHS (Jack) formerly of Richmond, Surrey, peacefully and unexpectedly on 30th unexpectedly on 30th March 1999, aged 81 yes Beloved busband of the Beloved husband of the late Jerry, also a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St. James Church, Chipping Campden, Gloucosterahire on Monday 12th April at 3.00 pm. Enquiries tel. 01386 765133.

FISHER - Phyllis, widow of John and much loved coother of Angels and Charles, died pescefully it west Wittering on 28th March 1999. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. At her request a private funeral ervice will take place at Chickester Crematortum.

To place death notice acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

HADEN - William Demmery, husband of the late Elizabeth Marjorie, and former Headmaster of the Mercers' School and the Royal Grammer School, Newcaste upon Tyne, died peacafully at Chalfont Lodge Nursing Home on 2nd April 1999. Fuceral at the parish church of St Mary Magdelene, Mitford, Northumberland at 2.30pm Wednesday April 14th.

Hospital, Kirkenidy on Wednesday March 31st 1999, Grace Edith Martin (Sister Martin) Woodside Crescent, Elle, Fife. Beloved wife of David and much loved sister of John and Hal, dearly loved actempother of Mary, David and Robert. Funeral Service in St Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Elle on Wednesday April 7th at 11.30 sm. Interment thereafter in Kilconquhar Cemetery approximately Cometery approxim 12.15. Flowers to D. VYVYAN - (Crown) Jennifer

INFRS - On April 1, 1999, after a long filmes, Robin George, very dear husban of Margaret, devoted father of Francis and Roger and father-in-law of clare, much loved brother of Ursula. Funera at St Thomas Moore Church, Wollaton, Nottingham on Thursday Nottingham on Thursday April 3 at 10.30am. followed by on Thursday
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followed by cremation at
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wished, for Action Aid
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Road, Beeston,
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IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE BELL - On April 5th 1911, suddenly at Printing House Square, E.C., Charles Frederick Moberley Bell, Managin Director of The Times, o 22 Park Crescent, Portin Place, W., aged 54.

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place. Just as Osborne, Arden and Wesker overhauled the English theatre, Bart brought the energy of rock to the musical stage, and set rolling the block-buster bandwagon that Tim Rice, Andrew Wesher and Carents and Arderew Lloyd-Webber and Cameron Mackintosh were all to board. In Bart's early shows, he broke away from the convencion of threading a series of arbitrary situations onto a musical string, and instead wrote catchy music to serve the purposes of proper storytelling and drama.

He was born Lionel Begleiter, the son of a Jewish tailor. He did his National Service in the RAF and studied at St Martin's School of Art. His first work in the theatre was as a scene-painter. In the meantime he had dropped his unwieldy name (adopting that of his local hospital). and become involved in a skiffle band in Soho. He helped Britain's original pop idol. Tommy Steele, into the Top Ten with his first record. Rock with the Cavemen in 1956, and then worked on the stage show The Tommy Steele Story, which won an lyor Novello Award. Bart was to write several other hits, including chart-toppers. for Cliff Richard (Living Doll, 1959) and for Anthony Newley (Do You Mind,

In 1959 he wrote the songs for Fings Ain't Wot They Used TBe, Frank Norman's cheerful piece about small-time Soho crime and criminals, which was

LIONEL BART



Lionel Bart (left) in his heyday, around the time of the filming of Oliver!, with Peggy Mount as the Widow Corney, Mark Lester as Oliver Twist and Harry Secombe as Mr Burnble

evil of the original. Ron Moody's Fagin was more of a fatherly figure than a ruthless crook. In 1966 Oliver! became the longest-running musical in the history of the London stage. The film, which also featured Oliver Reed, Harry Secombe, Leonard Rossiter and Megs Jenkins, appeared in 1968, and the stage show was revived in 1967, 1971 and 1994.

As Bart saw it, the musical was a step towards popular-style folk opera. His next. Blitz. in 1962, was a spectacular work in which the story and its varied situations, like the rather grandiose music, attempted to recreate the stoicism, uncomplaining courage and unconquera-

ble good humour with which, Briosh audiences like to be told, Londoners endured aerial bombardment.

Maggie May in 1964 saw Bart collaborating with the dramatist Alun Owen to tell the story of the archetypal Liverpool dockside prostitute in a new light. Told in Liverpool street song, her adventures were cruelly unsentimental, but Owen's story of her early love affair with a martyred political idealist was apparently meant to explain the heartlessness of her later behaviour. Maggie May demanded that Bart worked on an even larger scale than he had for Blitz, with extended dances, choruses and a large orchestra. It

also demanded extended musical sections in which music had to cope not only with Bart's skilful easygoing lyrics, but with naturalistic dialogue. These were chal-lenges to which his unstrenuous gifts for catchy and neatly rhythmical tunes were hardly equal.

Blitz and Maggie May were not resounding successes, and the genesis of Twang!! in 1965 was so stormy as to prevent it ever catching fire. The story was based on the legendary exploits of Robin Hood, but Twang!! became a battleground, fought over throughout a provincial tour by its author-composer and its didactic and awkward director

Joan Littlewood. The dialogue, scenes and order of events seemed to change night by night, and at the London opening their purposes remained crossed, intentions were never less than contradictory and success was impossible. Even the charms of Barbara Windsor as Maid Marian could not endear the show to the crincs.
Soil worse was to follow in 1969 in New York, when Bart's La Strada, based on a Fellini film, closed after one night.

During the 1970s Bart's drinking became a problem — he was twice convicted of driving while intoxicated and his health suffered. He later became teetotal, but despite talk of endless new projects, he had lost confidence. He sold the rights to Oliver! for a few thousand pounds. With his memories in a trunk and ideas never quite coming to fruition, he lived quietly in Acton, where he was someomes mistaken for Bob Hoskins.

Like several other composers in the world of popular music, Bart was a one-finger pianist: his work was dictated to others, who orchestrated it in collaboraon with him and who naturally influenced its harmonies. Critics who derided his palpable derivaoveness were missing the point. Echoes of Victorian ballads, of Hymns Ancient and Modern, of music-hall songs and of other musicals simply meant that Bart was working within a definite if debased popular tradition. What he wrote grew out of the musical world in which he grew up, and it provided him with the essential musical expression of the characters with whom he was concerned: small-time crooks from sleazy Soho joints, whose criminality is more comic than anti-social, a Fagin, Bumble and Nancy who were quaint rather than evil, a prosotute who became heartless only because her broken heart would not heal.

Within the derivative, sentimental, mid-Atlantic tradition which came naturally to him, Bart worked not only sincerely but with great conscientious-ness. Though his reach exceeded his grasp, he knew exactly what he wanted and where he intended to go; what he lacked was the technical equipment and the necessary discipline. But Oliver! has a permanent place in the stage repertoire.

He never married.

JESSE STONE

written during rehearsals. The show was

full of hit songs which were quirky, good-natured and hummable, including Food, Glorious Food, Oom-Pah-Pah, I'd

Do Anything, You've Got to Pick a Pocket

or Two and Consider Yourself (One of Us).

unadulterated: he was responsible not

only for music and the lyrics of the songs, but for the whole text. Though its point of

departure was Oliver Twist and the

libretto necessarily includes all the fa-

mous Dickensian dicta, the story in Bart's

hands became a sunnily optimistic comic

melodrama, stripped of all the terrors and

This was Dickens diluted, but Bart

Jesse Stone. rhythm and blues pioneer, died in Altamonte Springs, Florida, on April I aged 97. He was born in Atchison, Kansas on November 16, 1901.

WHEN rock 'n' roll was in its infancy, Jesse Stone was al-ready in his fifties, with a career that was virtually synonymous with the development of black American music during the first half of the century. He then used his experience of half a lifetime spent playing jazz, swing and rhythm and blues to become one of the seminal figures in the birth of rock 'n' roll.

Although in his own right Stone never became a household name, he played a pivotal role as an arranger, producer and writer at Atlantic Records in the 1950s, working on many of the records which were to shape popular music.

Among his own compositions were Idaho for Benny Goodman and Money Honey for the Drifters. He also arranged Big Joe Turner's Shake, Rattle and Roll, a song which became the second rock'n'roll hit for Bill Haley and the Comets, as the followup to Rock Around the Clock

in 1954. The grandson of Tennessee slaves, Stone was born in nıral Kansas and began in showbusiness before the First World War, touring with his family's minstrel show. By the 1920s he was living in Kansas City, which then rivalled New Orleans as a jazz centre, thanks to its City Hall's tolerant attitude to late-night drinking and gambling joints.

As a pianist Stone led his own "territory band", which at different times included the azz saxophonist Coleman Hawkins and the likes of Budd Johnson and Alton Moore. Yet Stone seemed to have a finger in every musical pie. He discovered the country blues singer J. D. Short in St Louis in the 1920s, and went on to become musical director of other Kansas City bands.





Jesse Stone with his wife Evelyn McGee Stone in 1996

including those led by Ter-rence Holder, George E. Lee and Thamon Hayes.

He returned to leading his own band in the mid-Thirties and in 1936 Duke Ellington secured him a booking at New York's Cotton Club. He also worked at the city's equally famous Apollo Theatre, not only arranging, composing and directing from the bandstand, but writing sketches and jokes for some of the

In 1942 his composition Idaho was covered by Benny Goodman, and it went on to be a jazz standard, recorded also by Jimmy Dorsey and Guy Lombardo, whose version sold three million copies. At the same time Stone also became musical director of the Interna-

tional Sweethearts of Rhythm. a group of Mississippi orphans who became a highly successful all-female jazz band that toured Europe playing to American servicemen.

When Ahmet Ertegun established Atlanoc Records in 1947, he took on Stone as his right-hand man, and the label swiftly became the leader in authentic black rhythm and

Often writing under the name of Charles Colhoun, Stone worked with many artists, including Ray Charles on Should Have Been Me. Many years later, on the occasion of Stone's 95th birthday. Ertegun described his role: "You wrote the tunes and the arrangements; you assembled the players; you ran the rehearsals; you conducted in the studio."

Stone also put together a remarkable in-house vocal harmony group called the Cues, who sang with everyone from Ruth Brown to Nat King Cole, and in 1953 he co-wrote Soul on Fire for LaVern Baker, the first record produced by Jerry Wexler. A few weeks later Wexler went back into the studio with Clyde McPhatter and the Drifters to record Stooe's Money Honey.

The following year Stone helped Big Joe Turner, whose repertoire had previously con-sisted mostly of blues ballads, to record Shake, Rattle and Roll. The song was covered by Bill Haley and Elvis Presley. and nopular music was never the same again.

Stone continued working with Wexler, on records such as the Clovers' Your Cash Ain't Nothin But Trash and Chuck Willis's C. C. Rider. Later, as the music scene changed in the 1960s, he branched out into manage-

In the period when Stone was at his most productive, popular music was regarded as ephemeral and its exponents to be mere shootingstars. The backroom staff attracted little interest outside the music industry. But by the 1970s artists such as Ry Cooder had revived interest in the work of the early rhythm and blues pioneers, and Stone was recognised as one of the men who had shaped modern urban black music. Ertegun, again, was quick to pay generous tribute, saying that Stone had done more to develop the basic rock 'n' roll

sound than anybody else".

Stone retired in the early 1980s and moved to Orlando, Florida. Yet he continued to work sporadically, and accompanied his wife, the singer Evelyn McGee Stone, on her recent album Jump Back. She survives him, and has said that when he was admitted to hospital on March 27, he was writing a new song, entitled

ANDREW GARDNER

Andrew Gardner, newscaster, died of a heart attack on April 2 aged 66. He was born on September 25, 1932.

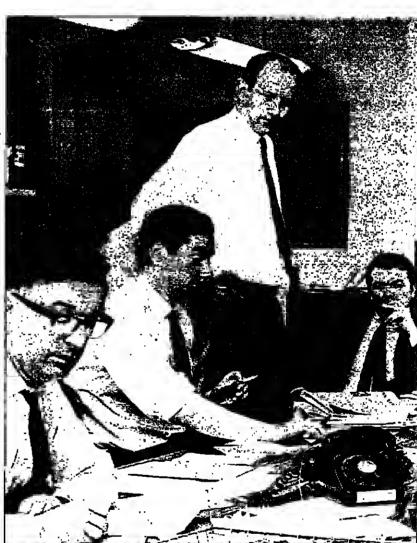
ANDREW GARDNER was the presenter of News at Ten with Alastair Burnet when il went on air from an attic studio in Kingsway for the first time on July 3, 1967. It was Britain's first half-hour news programme in prime time on a mass-audience channel, and that night's news included items about a train strike averted, fighting on the Suez Canal and Roger Taylor reaching the Wimbledon semi-finals. That original improvised studio was often so hot that Gardner and Burnet took their socks off beneath the

desk as they addressed the nation. Gardner's appointment was a shrewd one by the then Editor of ITN, Geoffrey Cox. A big man in every sense, Gardner stood 6ft oin tall and possessed a classless yet unmistakably English voice which was ideally suited to ITN's style of journalism: it had dignity and gravitas, yet was distinctly different from the standard BBC voice of the period.

For most of the 1970s, he and Reginald Bosanquet were the most readily recognised faces of ITN News, as Sir Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall were to be in the 1980s. Though the two men could not have been more different in personality. Gardner and Bosanquet had a close relationship, and Gardner readily admitted that they were "the Morecambe and Wise of current affairs" - with himself as the straight man. Their good-humoured relationship helped to keep events in perspective amid the regular panics of nightly news broadcasting, and after Bosanquet's death Gardner defended his old colleague against the colourful stories about him that surfaced from time to time in gossip columns, some of which were

Andrew Gardner was educated at Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, Devizes, and did his National Service in the RAF. He joined ITN in 1961, having worked in Rhodesian broadcasting since 1957 and subsequently at the BBC. He was already an established newscaster when News at Ten started, having worked on ITN's Roving Report and Dateline.

In the ITN tradicion, Gardner worked occasionally as a reporter in the field, covering, for instance, the Great Train Robbery in August 1963. Production teams admired him, because he was easy to work with and always cool at moments of crisis. In the studio he was the epitome of a sound anchor, yet when he took part in tests it was found that his heart rate



Andrew Gardner, standing, in the old ITN newsroom in Kingsway, with (right to left) David Nicholas, Alastair Burnet and George Fitch

rose from the usual 73 to around 110 beats

For the best part of 20 years, he was a member of ITN's election night team, dealing with the constituency results as they poured in at the rate of seven a minute in the small hours. He had an impish sense of humour but was dogged when he argued his cause, and successive editors valued his judgment on issues of taste and decency.

He left ITN in 1977, moving to Tharnes as a presenter. He retired in 1992. He also was an accomplished and witty after-

dinner speaker. In recent weeks he had had many

meetings with old ITN colleagues as News at Ten came to an end, and he gave a number of interviews recalling the early days. He specifically asked to be in the control room for the last transmission on March 5, telling friends that as he had been there on the programme's first night, he wanted to be in on the last.

He had suffered for years from back trouble and shortly before his sudden death had undergone major surgery on his spine and knee.

He met his wife Margaret while working in Africa, and they were married in 1958. She survives him, along with their

DRUGS USED FOR **SLIMMING**

REFERENCE was made at the monthly meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society, held at its Bloomsbury Square headquarters yesterday, to the recent case in which a girl dancer was found to have died through an overdose of drugs taken for slimming purposes.

A letter had been received from the Home Office, stating that the Home Secretary was of the opinion that if, as he was informed, drugs of the nitrophenol group were highly poisonous, they should be placed under the utmost restriction possible pending the coming into force of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933. The letter inquired whether the council of the Pharmaceutical Society was prepared to initiate the steps necessary to add to Part I of the Poison Schedule such nitrophenols and preparations containing them as were likely

to be retailed to the public. During the discussion Mr Beardsley had pointed out that the chemist from whom the tablets had been purchased had told the purchaser that she would be well advised to take them only under doctor's orders, and that the Coroner, at the inquest, had made it clear that the chemist had taken all reasonable

ON THIS DAY

April 5, 1934

Sixty-five years ago. a dancer died after taking an overdose of a drug in order to reduce her weight; a few months later the Pharmaceutical Society, prompted by the Home Secretary, took action to prevent it from being on general sale.

On the proposal of the Vice-President (Mr S. Peck), seconded by Mr. Hardy, a resolution to add these substances to Part 1 of the Schedule of Poisons was passed as follows: That by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in the council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, the said council doth hereby resolve and declare that the Schedule to the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, ought to be amended by the addition to Part I of the following words: Dinitrophenols, dinitrocresols, preparations or admixtures containing dinitrophenols; preparations or admixtures containing dinitrocresols; and that a copy of this resolution be sealed with the corporate seal of the council.

It was stated that the resolution would be sent to the Privy Council for consideration and

At an inquest at Paddington last month on a young woman cabaret artist, who died through an overdose of a drug which she had taken to reduce her weight, it was stated by a witness on behalf of the makers of the drug that in September, 1933, his company suggested that this preparation should be placed on the Poisons List so that it could not be bought except as a result of medical prescription. The company had no reply to the first letter, the witness said, and a second was sent and the reply received was that the

matter was having consideration.
On March 22 the Home Secretary stated in the House of Commons that the Poisons Board, set up under the Pharmacy and Poisons Act of last year, was considering the restrictions to be applied to that and other poisons. He was also in consultation with the Lord President of the Council and the Pharmaceutical Society, the responsible authornies until the new Act comes into force. with a view to its being scheduled as a poison at the earliest possible date, and he was taking up the matter with the manufacturers with a view to the adoption of further precautions.

MAJOR BASIL WATTS

Major Basil Watts, MC, wartime light infantryman. died on February 26 aged 78. He was born on January 29, 1921.

WITH the Second World War in Europe in its terminal phase, Basil Watts won his Military Cross for overcoming German last-ditch resistance in the ruins of Bremen at the end of April 1945. It must be accounted truly astonishing that after having been assailed and ground down by a numerically and materially superior enemy ever since June 6. 1944, the Germans were, by that stage, still capable of mounting any worthwhile resistance.

Yet the fact was that when Watts and C Company 4th Battalion Somerset Light In-

fantry closed in on an important road junction in what was left of the western suburbs of Bremen on the evening of April 27, 1945, they found that their path was most stoutly and stubbornly barred by a dedicated band of mostly teenaged defenders. These youthful zealots had already repulsed the attacks of one British infantry battalion, and il took stern measures from Watts and his men to over-

come their resistance. Advancing behind flame-throwers, C Company ruthlessly cleared strongpoint after strongpoint. On one occasion when fire was opened on them from behind the company. Watts himself dashed into the house from where it was issuing and shot dead the

defenders.

His inspired leadership which was always from the front - secured the road junction, and with the capture of more than 300 prisoners (who included many senior German officers), the organised resistance in Bremen was: brought to an end.

When awarded his Military Cross, Basil Watts was pleased to receive a congratulatory letter from Lieutenant Joe Vandeleur of the Irish, Guards (who was played by Michael Caine in the film A Bridge Too

Watts and the 4th somersets had fought their way into Germany all the way from the Normandy beachtead where they had been deposited the previous June. He had been involved in the futile attempt to relieve airborne, troops at Arnhem and then in the bitter fighting in the Ardennes.

At the end of the war he found himself in charge of the Volkswagen works al Wolfsburg. After retiring from the Army he kept up his soldiering as a Territorial with the 14th Battalion The Parachute Regiment, and carried oul more than 100 iumps. One of the best of the TA rifle shots. he was a member of the regimental team which won the China Cup at Bisley in

He also featured in Charles Wheeler's BBC television documentary on the Battle for Normandy, made in 1994 to mark its 50th anniversary.

In civilian life Watts worked for Shell and then BP. He leaves his widow, Susan, and thèir two daughters.

THE TIMES TODAY

BALKANS WAR

Britain offers refugees hope

Thousands of ethnic Albanians are to be given temporary shelter in Britain and other Western countries, following another 24 hours of mass exodus from Kosovo. Emergency measures will also include a sanctuary for 100,000 refugees in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia....Reports. pages 1-9

Prison camp claims

They thought they had found sanctuary after fleeing Kosovo. but 1,000 refugees were held at gunpoint in what they described as a hilltop prison camp. They pleaded with Macedonian soldiers to let them contact relatives willing to shelter them..... Page 3

Aid arrives in Albania American and French helicopters arrived in Albania, carrying emergency aid to refugees whose exodus from Kosovo threatens to overwhelm local authorities. The aircraft will establish an air bridge in a belated attempt to bring food and shelter to about the mass of people stranded on 200,000 refugees.....

Bonn shareout plan

Germany, which took on more than 300,000 refugees during the Bosnian and Croatian conflicts, is bracing itself for a new wave of asylum seekers from Kosovo. This time, though, it wants a strict shareout of refugees among EU countries...

Pope's plea to Serbs The Pope, whose diplomatic initiatives to end the war in Kosovo have so far fallen on deaf ears, yesterday made an impassioned appeal for Belgrade to allow a humanitarian corridor to be opened so help could be sent toPage 4 the borders ...

Teacher salary tip

The leader of the National Union

of Teachers predicted that the

threat of industrial action in

schools would force the Labour

Government to abandon plans

for performance-related pay and

instead award £1 billion in salary

rises of up to £3,000 for every

Towns vie to be cities

A battle is underway in the coun-

cil chambers of England and

Wales for the prize of being the

last city to be created this millenni-

um. The Queen intends to mark

the event, and the 50th anniversa-

ry of her ascension to the throne.

NEWS

Sinn Fein denies accord 'sell-out'

Republican leaders sought to placate grass roots fears of a Sinn Fein sell-out by calling the latest demands for IRA decommissioning of weapons "dangerous and provocative". Sinn Fein leaders used Easter rallies across Ireland to restore confidence and faith among party members...

Police renew inquiry

Inquiries into the death of a black student have been re-launched after a secret police review heavily criticised the initial investigation. Senior officers are awaiting the results of a new post mortem on Daniel Blake, whose body was found on a railway line three ... Page 11

Libya handover nears An Arab delegation headed to Libva yesterday for the expected handover of two Lockerbie bomb suspects to the United Nations. The group flew to the Tunisian island of Jerba from where they were to be driven over the border .. Page 12 by grants of city status Page 13

Police in cold pursuit of 25mph pensioner

A police patrol set off in cold pursuit when it spotted an elderly woman driving erratically. In a low-speed chase lasting half an hour, the milometer touched 25 miles an hour as Annaleise Wood, 70, weaved across the country road and clipped the occasional kerb. The police eventually used a "stinger" device more often used to burst the tyres of teenage speedsters......Page 11



Another 13 F117 Stealth fighters arrived in Germany from the US yesterday, with 24 now taking part in airstrikes against Serbian forces

BUSINESS

Post plans: The Post Office intends to invest £1.5 billion in overseas acquisitions over the next few years to counter the threat of competition in its domestic market Page 48 BP opposition: Alaska may set up its own oil and gas company to challenge the might of BP Amoco and

Page 48 New braindrain: Computer experts are threatening to abandon Britain because of a tax change made in Gordon Brown's Budget that forces IT consultants to become staff employees, instead of charging fees through tax-efficient "personal service companies"....

..... Page 48 BA loans: British Airways is to become the first airline to offer travel loans of between £500 and £15.000 to its customers.... _Page 48

Mean streets: Parents usually fear for the safety of their teenage girls. But the streets are now more dangerous for boys ... Offering asytum: Britain welcomed Hungarian refugees back in 1956. Would it do the same for Kosovan Albanians now?... .. Page 15

Best buys: Keep a careful eye on the high street and you will find plenty of inexpensive, irresistible items that encapsulate this summer's trends _____Pages 16.17

LOTTER 3, 7, 9, 15, 40, 43. Bonus: 11 One winner scooped Saturday night's £6.7 million National Lot-

tery jackpot.

British premiere: Robert Lepage's new play about the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright is unveiled in Glasgow, but, says Benedict Nightingale, Geometry of Miracles proves a cluttered affair..... Page 18 Curtain down: The touring production of The Ladykillers arrives at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton. A faulty safety curtain sends the audience home early....Page 18 Raise the root: When the British Museum wanted a covering for its newly revealed Great Court, it faced a £97 million problem. Now it has been solved Page 19 Young audience: Steps, the three-

girl, two-boy pop ensemble, play the Shepherds Bush Empire, to the delight of their under-ten-year-old

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

What does Keanu Reeves

(left) think he's playing

Why should the Bar,

which values its

risk of drizzle, especially on the west coast. Wind moderate, SW. Max 15C (59F).

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I Bordiers, Edinburgh & Dunidee, Aberdeen, Morary Firth, NE Scotland: any overnight rain will soon clear to leave a mostly dry and bright day, but drizzly rain will spread from the southwest in the evening. Wind moderate, S to SW. Max 16C (61F).

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I SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland: surnly intervals and the odd shower in the morning, increasingly oversals during the afternoon with light rain arriving before evening, Wind moderate, S to SW. Mex 14C (57F).

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ARTS

ELAW

Tennis: Tim Henman won an enthralling five set match against Todd Martin to bring Great Britain Football: After Robbie Fowler's cocaine antics he should reflect that a transfer away from Liverpool, even to Manchester United, would have opened his mind Page 34 Cricket: England's cricketers notched up an impressive 112-run win against Pakistan A in Lahore.

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with Nick Knight and Graeme Hick outstanding.... Rugby union: Wasps, who have played in four cup finals and have yet to win one, will have even great-

er motivation for their fifth attempt when they meet Newcastle Falcons on May 15

There is irony in the fact that the European leaders now raining bombs down on the Serbs are all children of the anti-war Sixties. Massimo-D'Alema, the Italian Prime Minister, is an ex-communist who was at the forefront of anti-Vietnam demonstrations in his youth. Former German peace activists like Daniel Cohn Bendit are now urging on the Luftwaffe, and Tony Blair, who once had long hair and idolised John Lenrion, is the most hawkish.

of all, apart from Clinton. Gone are though the days of "give peace a change" tousic in schools; the art of biogram

Preview: The former EastEnders actress Martine McCutcheon begins her recording career in This is My Moment (ITV, 6.30pm) Review: Paul Hoggart isn't surprised to discover "whodumnit" Pages 46, 47

Phase three

The next two weeks are of fundamental importance to Nato. There is still time for an air barrage of sufficient accuracy and scope to make all the difference to the situation in Kosovo. But strong nerves will be

Treasure in heaven

The Government admits that the current system of VAT charged on repair to church buildings is anom. (alous. It must now propose a case for change at the European Council of Ministers

Museum peace

The elegant new courtyard planned for the British Museum should please even those disgruntled by the relocation of the Reading Room last year....

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Milosevic presumably assumed. from the beginning, that Kosovo. like Bosnia, would eventually have to be partitioned. So far everything

PETER RIDDELL

A failure in Kosovo would undermine Nato and post-Cold War stability in Europe. No wonder the three new entrants to Nato (the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland) are watching the conflict so nervously . . . The days of the post-Cold War peace dividend in Europe are over Page 20

ANNA BLUNDY

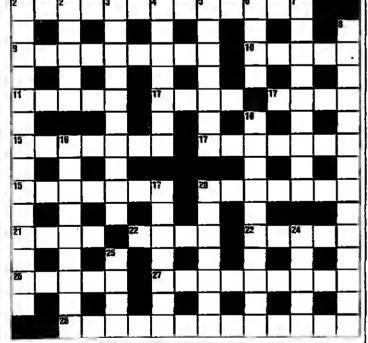
If you buy anything of value in Russia you have to drink to it. This applies to cars, fur coats, televisions and anything else that the purchaser feels he cannot afford ... Page 20

Lionel Bart, composer and songwriter, Jesse Stone, rhthym and blues pioneer, Andrew Gardner, newscaster

The flower power generation has phy; care of young offenders, teach-discovered the power of war. ers' pay; war crimes trials; visiting .. La Repubblica, Rome | the British Museum Page 21

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 21,069



ACROSS

- Saw the difference and celebrated (13). 9 Conformity of soldiers involved
- in a salute (9). to Conspiracy to incriminate firm
- on trial (3-2).

 11 Precious person's bearing (5).

 12 Large book or collection of books rejected by this compiler (4).

 13 Just a tree outside (4). 15 Rumour reported in this situa-
- tion, for example (7). 17 Former nurse holds hand, being infatuated (7) 18 Sort of thistle from a Baltic state
- 20 So. 20 Sol thern Asian river taken by top-noice Japanese warriors (7).
 21 Go off variety age: (4).
 22 Silver is offered, tignitially, in money-changing business; (4).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 21.068 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20

book token.

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- 26 French female name, variant of Greek female name (5).
- 27 A new, good, and sprightly swim тет (9).
- 28 Wife at church dance constraining son to act warily (5.4.4). DOWN: I Not the sort of missive Lorna
- would have sent (4.4.6). 2 One's employer is a sucker for drink (5).
- 3 Italicised characters represented as visionary (10). 4 Very much a lieutenant, though raised in drab surroundings (7).
- 5 Hits out. making contact with Greek character's neck (7). 6 Some use it with a ladder, others prefer it without (4).
- Disparaging type rode out across expanse of land (9).

 8 In which one is bound to learn the tricks of the trade (14).
- 14 Pulis down gloomy quarters hous ing preservationists (10). 16 Great wolf marning about in recidual light (9).
- Garbage providing slops for animals (7). About time Japanese commander vealed possible source of report
- 24 Part up one lodger, at first, in outpom (5).

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Cl General: southeast Scotland, northeast England, the Midlands. East Anglia and southeast England will be mostly dry and quite warm with anough breats in the cloud to allow some sumy spells. Wales, western England, western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have surmy spells and isolated showers in the moming, but it will become more overcast in the second half of the day with drizzly rain reaching Northern Ireland early in the alternoon and remaining areas before evening. Meanwhile, northeast Scotland will start wet but it will soon become drier and brighter.

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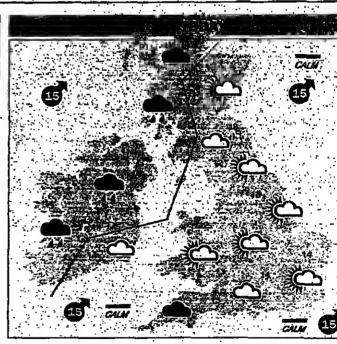
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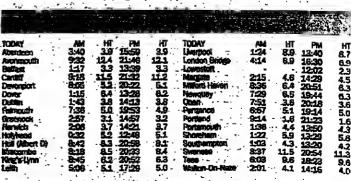
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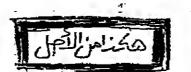
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Henman's tie worn with distinction

Briton levels to ensure final twist

By ALIX RAMSAY, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

"AT THIS level, it is not about taking part, it is all about winning and losing." It was a very un-British thing for Great Britain's favourite son to say, especially on such a patriotic occasion, but for once Tim Henman had every right to be as bullish as he liked as he kept his country's Davis Cup hopes alive in their world group tie with the United States yesterday. He had just beaten Todd Martin 46, 7-5. 6-3, 7-6 in front an ecstatic crowd in Birmingham to level the tie at two rubbers all and leave Greg Rusedski to fly the

flag in the decider. Henman has earned his corn this weekend; by the time that he left the court, he had played nearly 11 hours of ten-nis in three days and shown that he is a fast learner in this game. On Friday night, he could barely hide his misery after he had lost to Jim Courier. At the time, he said he was just not ready for what he had faced. The pressure, the intensity of the moment and the expectation of 9.400 cheering supporters had got to him and he was struggling from the start. Just 48 hours later, he was prepared for the battle and ready to win.

"Once you realise you are in a new experience, then you ac-cept it and get on with it," he said, looking a much happier man. "I got used to it and I was able to approach today's singles a bit differently. I was prepared for the atmosphere, I was prepared for the intensity. and I won."

The match yesterday was just what Martin did not want. After two months of struggling with a pulled abdominal muscle, the thought of three matches back-to-back was not his idea of fun. By yesterday afternoon, he looked weary from the start. Then again, so did Henman, but both showed that when it comes to playing with no fuel

Rob Hughes Double delight. Lynne Truss

left in the tank, both can run for hours on furnes alone. If Henman took his time to pick up speed, Martin showed that he has reserves beyond belief. Just when he looked down and out, he came back to make Henman work even harder to achieve his dream.

The beauty - and the frustration - of Davis Cup-ties is that they are played over the best of five sets. Winning one set can settle the nerves, but there is still a long way to go from there. Surprisingly, then, the whole match turned on one duff line-call. Having taken the first set as a gift from Henman — the Britain- No l dropped his service by hitting just one first service in play and throwing in a couple of miserable forehand errors -Martin was in charge. He broke for a 4-3 lead in the second set and was serving at 30-15 when he planted a backhand volley. He thought it was in, even Henman thought it was in, but the line judge thought otherwise. Suddenly, the gentlemanly Martin was livid - or as livid as he is likely to get. Swatting away the ball in fury, he took his mind off the job and Henman was back in the match, breaking Martin's service to level the

"I would hate to think that I am making excuses for my-self," Martin said, "because it was my fault I lost my concentration. But it would have been a hell of a lot easier to keep my

GREAT BRITAIN 2 - 2 UNITED STATES

Priday: T Henman lost to J Courier 6-7, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6, 5-7 G Rusedski lost to T Martin 4-6, 4-6, 2-6 Henman and Rusedski bt Courier and A O'Brien

36, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 ny: Henman bt Martin 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 Rusedski v Courler, finished late yestero

concentration if that call had been made properly. I would not have expected Tim to give me that call in this sinuation maybe in any other tournament, but not in Davis Cup."

And, being Davis Cup, it brought from Henman a level of play that he has not been able to reach all year. From a 29 per cent first-service figure, he was now banging in his first service with confidence and venom. He swept Martin aside to take the next five games, winning the second set and taking an early and vital lead in the third. For that spell. he could do no wrong - the ace count reached double figures and when forced to stay on the baseline, he was winning points from here as well.

The massed ranks of the British support crew — everyone that David Lloyd, the captain, could lay his hands on had been brought in to swell the numbers - were armed with rattles and flags, but spent much of the afternoon alternately chewing their nails and jumping from their seats with sheer joy and relief as first Herman was broken for the United States to go 3-2, be-

fore breaking back two games

later, sending a backhand return down the line to take the Martin service to love and head for the tie-break.

By this stage, the crowd, who cheered and screamed for more than three hours, could hardly contain themselves. Henman sped to a 4-0 lead. "but even then I knew I had to play some tough points yet". he said. His eighteenth ace brought him match point and when his next service was called out, the shout was lost in the cheers as the crowd leapt to their feet thinking that Henman had won. Calm and controlled, Henman resumed his position on the baseline and, as Martin's final backhand headed for the net, he saluted the crowd that had taken him through 11 hours of frusgreet his team-mates.

"It was a great match, that's the best way to describe it." Henman said. Even Martin could not disagree. "Tim is not No 7 in the world by accident," he said. "He's a heck of a player and today he proved he's a great competitor as well." More than 9,000 of the faithful in Birmingham had known that all along.



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Iron fist: Henman shows the steel during his defeat of Martin that took the tie down to the wire in Birmingham yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

CRICKET: LARA'S OVER-RELIANCE ON AMBROSE AND WALSH LETS AUSTRALIA OFF THE HOOK

Miller's heroics contrast with captain's flaws

FROM PAT GIBSON IN ANTIGUA

IT WAS more like the Sunday slog than the critical contest that will decide the desniny of the Frank Worrell trophy as Colin Miller, Australia's unsung hero, playing in his first match of the series, broke the West Indies grip on the fourth and final Test here yesterday.

Brian Lara's policy of containment in the knowledge that Australia had to win the game to square the series and retain the trophy was working 10 perfection when they slumped from their overnight total of 221 for five to 242 for eight in the face of an electrifying spell from Curtly

The trouble was that even Lara seemed to be carried away by the romance of it as the fast bowler from the finy village of Sweets rolled back the years once more. Lara simply kept him on too long and Miller took full advantage. hooking Ambrose for two sixes on his way to 43 out of 53 for the ninth wicket and, with Steve Waugh, his captain, hft-

ed Australia to a total of 303. Miller then added to his laurels with the ball, having Adrian Griffith caught behind in his first over, to leave West Indies on 19 for one, and Sherwin Campbell caught at second slip, in his second to leave the West Indies struggling at 30 for two and much again

depending on Lara. Australia's hopes had been resung on Waugh when he rely, he made no attempt to protect the tail that looked even more vulnerable for the absence of Shane Warne, whose batting has improved only for

his bowling to deteriorate. The lan Healy of old would have needed no protection, of course, but his barring has

SCOREBOARD

J. Stater c. Joseph b Peny S. Bewer c. Jacobs b Cotymore . Langer nn out . E. Waugh re Hooper b Walsh . F. Waugh not out . T. Ponting but b Ambrose . F. Healy c. Hooper b Ambrose . C. Daler C. Hooper b Ambrose .

MEST INDIES: First Innings
S.L. Campbell c M E Wassh b Miller
A F. G. Grittith c Heaty b Miller

gone to pieces and he had managed only to advance from four to six when he followed a hall from Ambrose and edged it comfortably to second slip. In seven innings in the series. Healy has made 37.

That wicket was Ambrose's 363rd in Tests, taking him past Imran Khan into seventh

ENGLAND completed a week-long

stay in Lahore by recording another

comprehensive victory over Pakistan

A to offer their broadest hint yet about

their thinking for this summer's

Their 112-run victory followed their triumph on Saturday by eight wickets over the same opposition and rounded

ing wicket-takers, and two more quickly followed as Adam Dale and Stuart MacGill continued to provide slip-catching practice. Waugh surveyed it all impassively from the other end. demonstrating only too well

why the determination and single-mindedness that make him the batsman he is do not mean that he is a good cap-tain. He has done his best to match Lara's match-winning performances in the past two Tests in Jamaica and Barbados, scoring 100 in one and 199 in the other, but he seems to have learned nothing from his counterpart's object lesson in how to bar with lesser mortals.

If Waugh's tactic with the bat was hard to understand, then so was Lara's strategy in the field. Ambrose and Courtney Walsh, his faithful accomplice, were obviously wilting after more than an hour's bowling in the hot sun. yet Lara kept them on in the face of Miller's onslaught.

It was agricultural stuff from the Tasmanian, who has always appeared to be more like a club cricketer than a Test player with his penchant for switching from mediumpaced seamers to off spin as the situation demands, but it was highly effective, apart from one hilarious moment when he swung with such gusto that his bat sailed out of his hands towards the square-



Miller runs a single on the second day of the fourth Test during his highest Test score of 43.

He had made his 43 off 38 bails when he heaved at the left arm spin of Jimmy Adams and gave a simple carch to mid-on, whereupon Lara right-. ly summoned Ambrose to collect his reward, which he duly did on the stroke of lunch by

Hollioake is handed unfavourable hint

in Sharjah. However, the absence of shire all-rounder, as a competitor for

removing McGrath to claim his 22nd five-wicket haul. Waugh was left unbeaten on 72 after more than three hours at the crease, but he had added only 20 in the morning session and invited harsh questions

"We haven't been pressed by the from 94 deliveries.

his place instead prompted the selec-tors to hand the task to Neil Fairbroth-

It was a clear message from David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, that Hollioake is far from assured a

place in England's World Cup starting

line-up and an indication of how ce-

mented Fairbrother is in the selectors'

er. Flintoff's clubmate.

ties lie. His legitimate answer that had livened up consideraabout exactly where his priori- by from the first day.

World Cup authorities to name a vice-

captain, although we had a meeting about it before this trip," Gravency, said. "Andrew Flintoff's emergence

has caused competition for places at

No 6 and No 7 and obviously it would

be preferable to have a vice-captain.

Stewart's contribution with the bar

formed part of a stand of 161 in 30

who is a regular in the side."

would be that, without him. Australia would not have got anything like as many as they did and at least they had a competetive total on a pitch

Britons beset by frailties on the green

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN ATLANTA

to his preparation for the Masters, Miguel Angel Jiménez completed a workmanlike round of 71 to finish the BellSouth Classic with a total of 283, five under par. However, his secondbest round of the week con-tributed to a total that left. him far behind Stewart Cink, the tournament leader. who was 17 under par with

seven boles remaining.
John Huston and Rory Sabbatini, of South Africa. were tied in second place at: 16 under, with the most dangerous man of all, David Duval. who is bidding for his fourth success of the season, a stroke further back.

Play was slow and languid on an afternoon of humidity and heavy cloud. It seemed as if all the players had one eye on the Masters at Augus ta, 90 miles to the East, the next event on the calender.

Ian Woosnam, who had complained of hurting his back towards the end of his round on Friday, started the day at four under par. but. then bogeyed two of his first three holes, and birdied the third, for the erratic start that seems to be par for the course for him these days.

Woosnam : fell further away the longer the round wore on to finish with a 75, leaving him at one under par overall. He complains of being uncertain on the greens. sometimes switching to limenez nearly brought putting with his left hand be his round to a spectacular low his right. For him, the game seems to be a struggle and the visit to Augusta, where he triumphed in 1991, will provide only a further reminder that his play is a long way from what it once was.

For most of this year, the same could be said of Colin Montgomerie, whose form has flickered like a guttering. candle. Montgomerie believes that the purity and accuracy of his striking from matched by his putting. Cer-

IN PUTTING the finishing 31 for the homeward nine was the best run he has had this year, but all it did was exaggerate how comparatively poorty he had putted on his outward nine and, in fact. how poorly he had putted for most of the year.

Montgomerie knows that he somehow needs to shave two or even three putts per round from his scores if he is to become a world force once again. Yesterday he had a 76 and said afterwards: "I lost interest, to be honest. Nothing was happening out there. This is the sixth week in succession I have putted badly. The Masters is just another tournament and I go there with no expectations."

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Gabriel Hjerstedt, who is looking increasingly like a Ryder Cup player, had a

Daval the master. Scores.

steady outward half. He hits the ball a long way, has a very good short game and scores a lot of birdies, which in a matchplay format is

very useful.

The question of his membership of the European Tour needs to be resolved, because, on the form that he has shown in the early months of this year, he would make a very useful member of the team

conclusion. He had driveo into the trees on the right of the 9th but played an excellent recovery shot and his ball just rolled down a bank

to the left of the green.

A bunker then lay in his line and he had no more than 15ft of putting surface to work with, but he hit one of those magical shots that seems to shoot up almost vertically. The ball landed just over the bunker and coasted to within a foot of the pin, so. that it was easy for him to

off a satisfactory stay in Pakistan before they transfer to Dubai in prepara-less than a year ago, but the emer-thoughts. Stewart: precautionary exit hon for the Coca-Cola Cup tournament gence of Andrew Flintoff, the Lanca-

Wolstenholme wins his third Putter

SPORT IN BRIEF

■ GOLF: Gary Wolstenholme, one of the last great career amateurs left in the modern game, won the Duncan Putter at Southerndown yesterday. Wolstenholme, 38, won his third Putter with a 54-hole total of 216, six over par, two ahead of Matthew King, the defending champion. The cornerstone of the veteran Walker Cup player's victory was his 67 in the second round, when he had five birdies in seven holes from the 8th. It gave him a two-stroke lead going in to the final round, in which he dropped three strokes in the first two holes, but then due in to come home in 75.

Ireland hold on

E RUGBY UNION: I reland Schools held off a determined comeback to defeat their England counterparts at Musgrave Park, in Cork, Ireland were rewarded for their early resourceful play with a try to Conrad O'Sullivan and a penalty to Pat McCarthy. Charlie Hodgson, the England By half, reduced the lead with a penalty, but Ireland went into half-time leading 8-3. England dominated the second half, but solid defence restricted them to a single penalty goal.

Hingis reaches final

TENNIS: Martina Hingis, the world No I. was set to face Anna Kournikova, the 17-year-old Russian, in the final of the Family Circle Cup. in South Carolina, yesterday. Hingis overcame Jana Novotna, the Wimbledon champion, 6-2, 6-3 in her semi-final on Saturday to reach her fourth final of the year. tn the second semi-final. Kournikova outlasted Patty Schnyder. the Swiss left-hander, 6-7, 6-0, 6-3, to reach the second final of

Belgian sprints in

CYCLING: Peter van Petegem. the Belgian sprinter, won the Tour of Flanders, the second round of the 1999 World Cup series, for the TVM team in the suburbs of Brussels yesterday. Gordon McCauley, the New Zealand champion, has taken the overall lead in the Girvan three-day race, which ends today.
He started the third stage of 72 miles in fourth place, but took over the yellow jersey by finishing 3sec behind Jon Tanner.

Arsenal await Saints

■ FOOTBALL: Arsenal, the FA Women's Cup-holders, will play Southampton Saints, who have reached the last stage for the first time, in this year's final, to be held at The Valley, Charlton Athletic's ground on Monday, May 3. Arsenal, who also won the trophy in 1993 and 1995, beat Doncaster Belles, six-times winners of the compedition, in vesterday's semi-final, which was played at Worksop Town FC.

Pakistan triumph

CRICKET: Azhar Mahmood, a medium-pace bowler, took five for 38 as Pakistan dismissed India fur 168 to win the triangular tournament final in Lahore by 123 runs yesterday. After Pakistan had scored 29t for eight from their 50 overs. Inzaman-ul-Haq leading the way with a polished 91, the India initings was frequently interrupted by unruly supporters who hurled plastic water bottles on to the playing area.

Hungry Sharks given Chinn brushes aside food for thought

Alec Stewart, the captain, from the

field as a precaution, having injured

his groin while contributing 73 to an

imposing total of 29t for four, forced

England into appointing a temporary captain during the Pakistan reply.

been Adam Hollioake, of Surrey, the

captain of the England one-day team

The obvious candidate might have

THE prospect of a treble that would complete a near-perfect season for Sheffield Sharks began to look a trifle less certain yesterday when Greater Lon-don Leopards, their play-off opponents. revealed impressive finishing

form in the London Arena. Deposed champions they may be. but the Leopards, watched by Chris Finch, the Sharks exach, reeled off the first 12 points of overtime in taking them to a 98-88 victory over London Towers that completed the regular-sea-

son programme. The Sharks, who were cowned champions of the Budweiser League on Friday, after their tumultuous victory over Manchester Giants, will meet the Leopards, the eighth-placed club, in a quarter-final series beginning at Brentwood next Sunday.

Behind from early in the second quarter, the Leopards did not regain the lead until Rashod Johnson connected 89sec from rime. Malcolm Leak replied with two free throws, but the Towers did not score again until Sisce of overtime remained. By then, the game was all over, effectively won for the Leopards by Johnson's 26 points and 21 by Robert Youngblood.

BASKETBALL

By Nicholas Harling

For the third year running, the Towers will face Newcastle Eagles in their quarter-final. Only by scoring 19 unanswered points in the third quarter did the Eagles avoid a humiliating defeat at the bottom club. Worthing Bears, who eventually succrumbed 100-88.

Thames Valley Tigers secured third place by overcoming Chester Jets i12-100, with the help of ZI points from John McCord, and ensured a quarter-final with Derby Storm, who subjected them to an embarrassing 2-0 reverse in 1994 after they had become champions.

The embarrassment belonged to Derby, however, on Saturday, when they were beaten 87-85 at home by Leicester Riders, who had finished one from bottom. Bob Donewald, the Derby coach, incurred yet another technical offence for abusing the officials.

TOT ADJUSTING THE OTHER ASSAULT V LONDON TOWNS SAINT ST. DESTRUCTION TOWNS VARIET (ADM 101). Birmongsen Salves v Manchester, Lengarth v Streffeld (Doth April 15). Second legs Sheffield vilusionals. Themes Vallay v Dotto Hoth April 14). Manchesto v Sammigham, London Towers v Newscale both April 15).

defence and dispute

NICKY CHINN shrugged off the con-troversy as easily as he did Manchester Storm's defence as he scored the hat-trick that led Cardiff Devils to a 5-0 win in the semi-final of the Sekon-

da play-off championship. The Cardiff-born forward was accused of fouling Kris Miller before scoring the first, crucial goal of the victory that put them into the final last night against Nottingham Panthers. China's challenge left the American

spreadcagled on the ice and gave him the vital space in front of goal to slip a pass from Merv Priest beyond the unprotected Frankie Pietrengelo. Graham Horner, the referee was besieged by Storm players, led by Miller and Dave Morrison, the captain, but he had seen nothing wrong and said that his linesmen had reported only a collision between the two men.

Kurt Kleinendorst, the Storm coach, said: "This was the turning point. Instead of a goal to Cardiff, it shoold have been a penalty and a pow-er play to us. We never recovered from that moment.

Storm dearly had a case, but Chinn refused to accept any guilt. "There was no cross-check. It was a shoulder.

By Martin Leach .

Sometimes you are going to knock them down and sometimes they knock you down," he said.

The incident appeared to musettle even the usually unflappable Pietrengelo. The netminder, who had conceded an average of less than one goal in the 28 previous games, had two more goals put past him by Chinn-and Priest in the next Illsec. Chinn completed his hat trick and Mario Simioni scored the fifth.

There was a similar flurry of goals in the second period of Nottingham's 4-2 win in the other semi-final, against Bracknell. The Bees, appearing in the first big playoff semi-final in their 12-year history, scored first through Rob Stewart, their captain, after 28 minutes but Nottingham then scored three times in four minutes, through Jason Weaver (2) and Greg Hadden. Mike Bishop added the fourth and the Bees could reply only once, through Joe Ferraccioli.

EQUESTRIANISM

Phillipps takes command

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

POLLY PHILLIPPS and Coral Cove, whose case for a technical breach of medication control at the world three-day event championships last October will come before the International Equestrian Federation later this month, betrayed no hint of the threat hanging over them when they won comfortably their section of the in-augural Rolleston Horse Trials in Leicestershire yesterday.

Phillipps, a veterinary surgeon from nearby Rempstone - who said that she is confident that she will be cleared of the charge — had the satisfac-tion of relegating Blyth Tait, of New Zealand, the world and Olympic champion, to second place, on Aspyring. Tait also finished third, on Toad Hall, a ten-year-old on which he had the fastest cross-country time

in the section. However, on a disappointing day for the organisers of this new event, many of the other Badminton-bound rid-ers, including Mark Todd, lan Stark and Christina Gifford, withdrew their horses before the cross country because of the sticky, holding ground. Gif-ford, who took The Gangster round slowly but withdrew her other three rides, said "It's a loyely course, but it's big and so you are taking a lot of chanc-

es when the ground is this deep."
Phillipps, whose seventh place at the world champion-ships helped Great Britain to win the bronze medal, had no such reservations. "It's just like the ground I train on," she said. "I just kept the hand-brake on." Although clear both in the cross country and showjumping, it was the dres-sage, for which she had a mark of 30, that she was most pleased. The best dressage came from Pippa Funnell, on Rainbow Magic, the winner of the second section, who had a score of 22. Funnell also finished fourth, on Supreme Rock her Banminton entry, in the same section.

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HOCKEY: ENGLAND QUALIFY FOR FINAL WHILE SLOUGH'S EUROPEAN HOPES DISAPPEAR Dancer praises side's discipline

ENGLAND qualified to meet Argentina A in the final of the quadrangular tournament in Buenos Aires after a 3-0 victory on Saturday over Argentina B, who will play-off with South Africa for third place. Calum Giles, who has had a successful tournament, had a hand in all three goals. After opening the scoring from a short corner in the eighteenth minute, he was up-ended two minutes later by the Argentina goalkeeper, who conceded a penalty stroke that was struck by Garcia. Sharpe scored the third goal from a short corner in the 48th minute, hut it was Giles who

This was a strong. disciplined performance by the team. Barry Dancer, the England of activisated "We controlled the ball well and built our attacks with an element of patience that was needed

set up the chance with a time-

ly back-pass.

By Sydney Friskin and Cathy Harris

defence. A hat-trick by Vanina Oneto, the Argentina and Den Bosch striker, crushed Slough's hopes of appearing in their third final in four years when the Dutch league



Giles: created chances

champions cruised to a com-

fortable 8-3 victory in the worn-

eo's European club champion-ship at 's Hertogenbosch in Holland, yesterday, Indeed, it was a bleak day for British

clubs in European competi-tion, for while Slough were suf-

fering their heaviest ever de-

feat in Europe, Clifton and

Glasgow Western crashed out

of contention for the medal

play-offs in the European Cup

Edinburgh Ladies provided the one bright moment when

Alison Grant snatched a late

winner against Rot Weiss Co-

logne after Val Neil had lev-

elled the scores in the eight-

eenth minute to steer the Scots

in to the play-off for the bronze

medal against Slough.

Winners' Cup in Terrassa.

against a closely packed

Needing to beat the home side to qualify for the final, Slough failed miserably. A lacklustre display against Ko-

los Borispol, of Ukraine, on Saturday did not bode well and despite two superb goals by Jane Smith and Mandy Nicholls in the 2-0 win, the English champions knew that they had to turn in a much im-

proved performance.

Oneto struck twice in the opening 23 minutes as the hosts raced to a 3-0 lead. giving Slough a huge task. Smith pulled one back with a 24thminute penalty corner, but three goals in a six-minute spell before the break gave the Dutch an unassailable 6-1 lead at half-time.

Karen Brown and Sarah Kelleher. Slough's two experienced internationals, found it difficult to escape the tight marking by their apponents, who turned up the pressure after the restart. Smith reduced the deficit to 7-2 and after Oneto completed her hat-trick and Kelleher was on target with a last-minute penalty corner.

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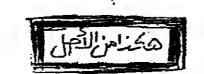
SPEEDWAY

takes on dual role

TONY RICKARDSSON, the world champion from Sweden will miss this afternoon's meeting at Covernry for King's Lyan because he will be representing his Poland side — and his national Government - in Gdansk (Tony

Rickardsson, who switched from Ipswich in a British record transfer, has been appointed a special ambassador by the Swedish Government for a trade event in the Polish city. The Gdansk side also have a match at home to Graduadz in the first division of the Polish League and Rick-ardsson will double up as national representative and rider for Gdansk.

King's Lynn have been given permission to draft in a guest rider - Martin Dugard. of Eastbourne



SNOOKER

Henman provides positive thinking

AT LAST, when the pressure is at its greatest and the tension feeds into the mind, an English sportsman grows. The performance of Tim Henmen in Birmingham yesterday, in a febrile, partisan atmosphere that would have fronen the minds of many of our m sensis players, survived his mind marathon encounter in inter days and outlasted Todd Martin, of the United States, who mitially looked to have the greater range and greater and a contest. Henman won 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 and it was marvellous, uplift-

ing sport.
Around a television set 150 Tite miles away in a Surrey nursing home, Bunny Austin, a surlad a wiver indeed, in that he was a h member of a last British team to beat the United States in Davis Cup in 1939, marvelled at the levels of stamina and the rune combat of the modern game. "I'm watching every ball." Austin, 92, said. "It's absolutely beautiful the way they {Hen-

man and Greg Rusedskil played the doubles, and then he way Tim came back yester-

Beautiful to behold, indeed. Those of us in the arena witnessed another 3hr 13min of man running eventually on neat adrenalin, on the edge of nerve and sinew; and man refusing to yield when there was excuse enough for him to do

More than that, when fatigue slowed both Henman and Martin, their game actually appeared to flower with more strokes, more thought, more pureness of quality and design. Is this what is needed to turn the modern game from its bludgeoning force and pace into "thinking" tennis?

There was enormous drama, too, and Henman was first to admit that the match turned on a "questionable" line-call against Martin. It came at the apex of the contest, when a backhand voiley that would have helped Martin to go 4-3 up in the crucial third set was ruled out when, clearly, it was on the line. Henman took full advantage, closed out the set 6-3 and, in the dogged tennis that followed, he sel-

dom looked like a loser. There are times when you ight overrule the call your-This, at a crucial situation in the Davis Cup, was not one of hem. There are two of you playing -- yourself and your country - and you take what comes. If we played great tennis and lost, it would be a wasted weekend."

There is the clarion sound of



Henman, a study in concentration, stretches to hit a backhand against Martin in their monumental Davis Cup encounter yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

the modern man, the modern sport in the era when most sports are business and the rcentages count. Yet Martin, upon hearing Henman's admission, said that he would not, in the Davis Cup, expect his opponent to try to overrule.

They were agreed on that and also agreed that Martin. uncharacteristically for this quiet American, allowed the situation, the atmosphere as well as the momentary injustice, to sway his concentration. been the British who succumb to such distractions, when the tough-minded Americans go

Absolutely significant to this turning point was the calculated riposte of the British to Friday's display of team force by the Americans. Henman and

David Lloyd, the captain, appreciated that the British bench, in comparison to the Americans, lacked both numbers and animation.

They righted this and, in the strange hybrid of the Birmingham crowd, the effect of a line of tracksuited "cheerleaders" for the Brits had its effect. Only a section of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) blazered officials were disapproving as sections of the crowd, dressed for football, took every opportunithat was going.

The organisers had played their part, handing out 500 free tickets to children who came with their faces painted in the colours of the Union Jack and who gave swimming gala-like shrieks throughout the afternoon and evening.

Martin should not have been distracted, for, at 28, he is a veteran of Davis Cups and, by Henman's own admission, in the first hour of the match it was the American, using guile and stealth, who called the tune. "I found it difficult to work him out and this was my toughest weekend in

tennis," Henman said, "but

this time I was prepared for

the intensity. I feel I played a great match." Monumental in its quality age, it suggested that we may not be foolish to hope that Henman might grow into a modern Fred Perry. By using mind when the body was forced to slow, he overhauled a fine opponent in Martin. Bunny Austin would have recognised it as

an English trait of old.

Doubles turns the tide

By ALIX RAMSAY, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

NEVER has a game of doubles meant so much to so many people, Normally, the doubles is a gentle afterthought to the main event, but on Saturday afternioon Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski played for 31/2 hours as if their lives depended upon it. They had to if Great Britain was to have any chance of salvaging this tie against the Unit-

termination from Henman, as he dragged Rusedski into the match from a set down to beat Todd Martin and Alex O'Brien 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Never has he looked so pumped-up for an encounter; every winning point was met with denched fists and a glare as he gave his partner a few terse instructions and got back to work. Rusedski had been the weak link in the chain

for the first set and a half until, following his

leader, he started to nail his returns and crank up the power on the service. With Henman steering operations; the two singles players became a team that, given their vastly differing natures and their history of off-court disagreements, was no small achievement.

From looking desperate and disappointed on Friday night, after his loss to Jim Courier, Henhave a fighting chance. The doubles is what it hinges on," Henman said. "Suddenly from 2-0

it's 2-I and all the pressure is on their shoulders." David Lloyd, the Great Britain captain, was beside himself as he stood and watched. "If we win the doubles, we can win the whole thing," he had predicted, although not even he would predict what might happen if Britain booked a place in the quarter-finals.

McManus hopes to avoid another whiteout

BY PHIL YATES

BEARING in mind the unexpected fate of Stephen Hendry in the first round at the Crucibie Theatre last year, Alan McManus is entitled to view his forthcoming match against Jimmy White at the Embassy world championship with a

degree of prepidation. The draw for the last 32 of the game's leading event, conducted on Grandstand on BBC television on Saturday, produced a number of intrigu ing encounters, none more so than White, who beat Hendry 10-4 at the corresponding stage 12 months ago, pitted against McManus.

"It's obvious I could have had an easier draw, but there's no way you'll hear me complaining," McManus, who yesterday defeated Alfie Burden 5-3 to reach the second round of the British Open in Plymouth, said. "Playing Jimmy at Sheffield couldn't be much higher profile and it's something you have to relish. It's just a buzz being there, no

matter who you play."

Hendry, second-favourile with the bookmakers to lift the trophy for the seventh time since 1990, also has a tough introduction. He plays Paul Hunter, winner of the Welsh Open last year, while John liggins launches his title de-

fence against Gerard Greene. In a contest guaranteed to create enormous interest in

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M Williams (Wales) v I McCulloch
P Ebdon v M Stevens (Wales)
A Drago (Malia) v F O Brien (Ire)
A Hamilton v C Smell (Scot)
A Modernus (Scot) v J White
A Robidous (Can) v N Waleer
S Hendry (Scot) v P Hunter
R O Sultivan v L Fernandez (Ire)
J Parrott v T Murphy (N Ire)
S Davis v J Pery
N Bond v O Dalle (Wales)
S Lice v J Lardner (Scot)
(England unless stated)

the Far East, Marco Fu. of Hong Kong, will meet James Wattana, of Thailand. Wattana, a world championship to bolster his fragile confidence when he was surprising ly eliminated from the British

Open yesterday. Wattana, the world No 15. recovered from 4-2 down to 4-4 against Michael Holt, the world No 193 from Nottingham. He also had the initial scoring opportunity in the deciding frame, but overcut a tricky black off its spot and Holt stepped in with a break of

75 to win 5-4.
"Although James has been struggling lately, he's got a lot of experience at the Crucible and he always seems to do well there," Fu said. While experience is indeed invaluable. form is also relevant and, in

that regard. Pu has the edge. Stephen Lee, the No 9 seed, was forced to withdraw from the British Open after injuring a muscle between his neck and shoulder in a bizarre accident at his home in Trowbridge last week. Lee, beaten 9-8 by Hendry in the final of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters three days earlier, jolted out of bed to answer his telephone when the injury occurred. As a result, Drew Henry received a walkover.

Mark Williams, the 1997 British Open champion, who has already won three worldranking tournaments this season, began his challenge for a fourth by highlighting a solid 5-2 victory over Joe Perry with a break of III.

Foster laps up short course to glory



Hickman celebrates his silver in the 200 metres medley

THE medals came thick and fast for Great Britain on the last night of the world shortcourse championships here, Mark Foster's victory in the 50 metres butterfly bolstering James Hickman's retention of the 200 metres butterfly title on Saturday and helping to buoy the oational tally to four gold, five silver and four

bronze medals. Britain's successes left them third among the medals behind Australia and Japan, with silver medals for Graeme Smith in the 1,500 metres freestyle, Helen Don-Duncan in the 200 metres backstroke and James Hickman in the 200 metres medley, while Hickman also helped the 4 x 100 metres medley quartet to the bronze medal behind a world record-breaking Australia squad. The women's medley relay event also produced the first world recordholding Japanese quartet in swimming history. For Britain, the past four

days produced by far the finest result in the short history of world short-course event, staged four times since 1993, and exceeded the achievements of the squad's counterparts from track and field at the recent world indoor athletics championships.

That particular statistic will enable Foster - whose victory yesterday in a championship record of 23.6lsec was, like Hickman's the day before, just about as emphatic as they come — to engage in a little friendly gloating when he meets up with Colin Jackson, the world champion at 60 metres hurdles, back at base at the University of Bath.

The banter will doubtlessly involve a certain amount of self-congratulations for both men as Foster reports back

From Craig Lord in Hong Kong

that, having taken a leaf from the book of athletics, victory is now literally his from the

Ronny Berndt, a researcher

for the Olympic testing centre in Hamburg, where Foster's training programmes are pre-pared by Dirk Lange, a Ger-man coach, timed Foster at an "exceptional" 2.18sec for the first 7.5 metres of his race, making him the fastest swimmer off the starting blocks in the world. The time translates to a gain over his rivals of about 30 centimetres at the point Foster emerged into his stroke, his winning margin of 0.26sec over Zhang Qiang. of China, almost totally estab-

lished from the dive and never conceded.

Hickman, too, stole a march on rivals from the start of the 200 metres butterfly on Saturday, but it was not until the halfway mark that his supremacy in a field brimming with Olympic champions, world champions and former world record-holders shone through. Victory was his after 150 metres, but Hickman did not relent, claiming the title 2sec clear in 1min 52.71.

Last night, his specialist but-terfly events out of the way. Hickman said that he was just having fun in the 200 metres medley. It nearly resulted in another title as he raced inside world record pace over the butterfly and backstroke legs of the race before Matthew Dunn, of Australia, looking to retain the title, passed him on the breaststroke. Dunn held on over the free-

style leg to win io lmin 55.81sec, a championship record, with Hickman just a stroke and a half, or 0.71sec,

Graeme Smith, his former training partner at Stockport, achieved his aim of re-establishing himself on the world scene after a low point in his career. The 1996 Olympic silver medal-winner added another second place to his collection, swimming behind Grant Hackett, of Australia, the world record-holder.

Don-Duncan, 17, and former European junior champion, set things rolling for Britain last night with a silver in the 200 metres back-stroke behind Mai Nakamura, of Japan, who swam inside world record pace until thjere were 50 metres to go, finisb ing 0.40sec off target.

17 year old high jumper given clearance for take off.



Fowler crosses the line from rascal to rogue

By Kevin McCarra

tF ONLY Robbie Fowler had kept his nose to the grindstone, instead of sticking it where it did not belong. Ouick-witted industry and a pair of goals steered Liverpool to a 3-2 win at Anfield on Saturday, their first victory over Everton for five years, but the man with an acute sense of direction when aiming a shot at goal lost his bearings while celebrating his equaliser that levelled the score at t-1.

Twice, he got down on his knees to run his nose along the white markings of the penalty area. The visiting supporters. at whom he had also gesticulated, assumed that he was pretending to snort a line of cocaine. In the past, Everton fans have taunted Fowler with eries of "smackhead", a reference to the unerly unsubsiannated allegations that Fowler is a drug-user.

Having received a com plaint from a member of the public. Merseyside police will be investigating the affair. There could also be disciplinary proceedings by the Football Association David Elleray, the referee, told Gérard Houllier, the Liverpool manage er, that the issue will not be mennoned in his report. Since he was running back to the halfway line after the goal, the referee's view was limited, but the FA will consult the police and review video evidence before deciding, probably tomorrow, whether further action is

required. Fowler is due to attend a hearing on Friday where he and Graeme Le Saux, of Chelsea, will answer charges of misconduct arising from incidents in a match between the dubs in February. His deeds at Antield at the weekend will not be added to the agenda for consideration at that meeting. Given the present trend, the Fowler files will soon require their own wing at Lancaster

When the moment to discuss the latest matter does eventually arrive, it will be difficult to whitewash the whiteline contretemps. Fowler has been disowned by the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA). "The PFA are spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on drug awareness campaigns and here is a player scoring a goal and taking the mickey out of it," Gordon

FOWLER'S HOWLERS

Soptember 1995: Altercation with Neil Ruddock, his Liverpool team-mate, on a flight back from Russia left him after wearing a T-shirt supporting striking Liverpool dockers during a European

Graeme Le Saux, of Cheisea. at Stamford Bridge after Fowle March 1999: Fowler and Le Saux both charged with misconduct by the FA. April 3, 1999: Goel celebrations against Everton cause more controversy.

Taylor, the chief executive of the body, said.

Houllier did appear to be en-tirely sincere when proclaiming Fowler's innocence. According to his account. Rignbert Song, the defender, has brought to Anfield a routine learned at Metz, the French club, in which players mark a goal by pretending to graze. It is argued that Fowler, as an innovator, was introducing this piece of harmless fun to Eng-lish grass. Photographs, however, tend to undermine the explanation. If Fowler was merely impersonating a sheep, why did he have one hand pressed against his left nostril?

Although there might be a few people who will restrict their criocisms by calling Fowler's frolic ill-considered, there is no doubt of the provocative effect that the actions had, as the forward himself acknowledged when he publicly apolo-gised yesterday. "Despite my actions being taken in the heat of the moment immediately following the penalty, I realise that they have caused great offence and I deeply regret that." he said.

Fowler was probably in-spired by mischief rather than malice. If an allusion to substance abuse was intended, there was a certain doltish ingenuity in the employment of an innocent strip of paint on the turf as his prop. Unfortunately, a derby match on an April afternoon is not the place for a joke that might suit a satirical review on television af-

ter the nine o'clock watershed.

Given that he was an Everton fan as a child, the forward is unlikely to nurse any deep hatred of the Goodison club. Gifted forwards, though, often possess a strong anarchic streak. To score a goal is to unravel the other team's plans, lo put one over on defenders. Peo-ple recognise the delightful lawlessness of it whenever they talk about a player "nicking" a goal. The trait is inherently unstable. As the controversy on Saturday proves. there is always a danger that the loveable rascal will go too far and turn into a rogue.

Matt Dickinson, page 34



Fowler celebrates his first goal in his side's 3-2 victory against Everton with a gesture that could see the striker facing further disciplinary problems

Everton left with nothing but concern

FOR Everton supporters, the stab of indignation that they may have felt over Robbie Fowler's capering will count for less than the long ache of apprehension. Relegation is not always the consequence of ruinous performances. Despair can creep out from bad timing, marginal failures and a flow of events that smacks into a team with the force of a water cannon.

Everton might have had a point on Saturday. Danny Cadamarteri could have equalised twice in the closing stages, appearing to be pulled first occasion. A little later, the Everton forward found his



by Kevin McCarra shot being cleared from the

er, then the Anfield side were

line by Paul Gerrard, the Liverpool substitute. If the more distinguished team deserves victory, howev-

rightful winners. Despite conceding a goal after 40sec. wheo a 25-yard sbot by Olivier Dacourt was deflected into the net by Rigobert Song. their defender. Liverpool set-

tled to rhythmic attacking. The sheer purposefulness was heartening to those supporters who accuse the side of feckless diffidence. There was spring and ruggedness from Song, while, in midfield, the contribution of Paul Ince was a matter of substance rather than of melodramatic gesture.

As it happens, it was a foray by Ince that pulled Liverpool level as he burst past the turning Marco Materazzi and was knocked over. Fowler slipped

predictable - the yellow card

for a late lunge at Vieira or the

squandering of Southamp-

ion's best chance of the after-

Had Hughes scored instead

of hitting the post after seven

minutes, one suspects that Ar-

senal would never have recov-

ered. because Southampton,

taking their cue from Hughes.

"We wanted to ruffle a few

feathers," David Jones, the

manager. admitted. "There

was nothing dirty about what

we did. II was just a good, pro-

Predictably. Wenger saw

things slightly differently.

They put the ball up in the

air and fought for it." he said.

more with disdain than admi-

ration. Either way, the pattern

of play was not to the liking of

Nicolas Anelka or Kanu, in

particular, whose spells at

Ajax and Internazionale can-

not have prepared him for a

With Dennis Bergkamp ab-

sent, struck down by a virus, it

was only the Nigerian's sec-

ond start for Arsenal and this

was not the sort of game for

Wenger said of his loping for-

ward, who was buffeted to the

periphery of the exchanges by

Kanu missed Arsenal's bes

opportunity in the 69th mimite, when he shot straight

at Francis Benali on the goal-

line, and he is likely to return

to his substitute's role tomor-

row when Blackburn Rovers

visit Highbury. Bergkamp should have re-

covered in time and his strong-

er physique will be needed in

another match that will not be

Arsenal will hope also that

Marc Overmars has recov-

ered from his blistered feet, be-

cause Kaba Diawara, who made bis full debut, is still

very raw. This was two

points dropped," Wenger ad-

mitted, but for Southampton

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Adams, M Krown (sub, S Bould, 66), N Winterbum — F Lungberg (sub L Boa Morto
65), R Parlou, P Visra, K Diawera (sub N V)vas, 77) — Kanu, N Anglis.
Referoes: P Jones

it was definitely one gained,

for the squeamish.

the excellent Ken Monkou.

"Welcome to England."

scrap down at The Dell.

gentle acclimatisation.

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were in belligerent mood.

noon.

the penalty into the corner of the net. The forward established a lead in the 25th minute by heading home after McManaman had flicked on a corner from Patrik Berger, The Czech in-

ing Dacourt's clearance to put a bouncing shot into the net. Unsophisticated though Everton are, they were never wholly without hope. Even in the first half, when they flailed and failed to cope with Fowler's clever use of space behind the attack, there was occasional menace, as when Materazzi struck a free kick

against the post. With five

creased the advantage seven

minutes from the end, meet-

minutes remaining. Francis Jeffers, a substitute, whirled to whip a header from Campbell into the top corner.

The revival fell only just short of completion. Ambitions were none the less intensified. Liverpool aim for the Uefa Cup by seeking a high place in the FA Carling Premiership. Everton will be delighted if they can just remain in it for another year.

LIVERPOOL. (4.4-5) O James — V He-ogem (sub P Gerrard, 72mm) R Song 3 Slaumon, D Maltro — S McManaman P ince, J Redsheep, P Berger — R Fowler (sub N Riedle, 86) M Owen EVERTON (4-4-2) T Myhle — C Shon, D Warson, M Maleraza (sub. D Werr, 46) C Unaworth — N Barmby (sub. F Jetlers, 77, O Docourt, S Germall, M Ball — M Branch (sub: O Cadamaneri, 60), N Campbell

Tottenham lose as Leicester play mind games

AS SOON as they knew that a spinning wheel would ruin the new-found joy of parenthood. Sleeping Beauty's mum and dad ordered that all wheels and spindles be destroyed. George Graham did not exactly burn the Worthington Cup. but he banned it from the pitch. "I was totally against that." he said. The Tottenham manager knew full well that if the team wallowed in their Wernbley victory over Leicester, his proud home record since taking over at White Hart Lane would be blensished. But just as the wicked queen

all too easily placed a spinning wheel in front of the princess. Martin O'Neill gave Tonen-ham the cup celebration their manager wanted to avoid. So, as the Tottenham team filed out on to the pitch, the visitors formed a guard of honour and applauded them. With their egos massaged. Spurs met their inevitable fate. This match was all about psy-

chology. Having succumbed to a last-minute goal by Allan Nielsen in a match that would have carned them a place in Europe, Leicester felt aggrieved. Tottenham, on course for a cup double, musi have felt superior. The supporters, delighted to have an immediate opportunity to goad each other so soon after their big day out, tried to influence proceedings, too, and Robbie Savage was booed throughout.

Savage was considered to have over-reacted when slapped by Justin Edinburgh during the final. The Tottenham defender was sent off and even O'Neill admitted that the player may have gilded his lily somewhat. So the boos were in-

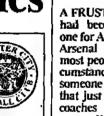


evirable and O'Neill considered dropping Savage, but then decided it would be wrong to do so for reasons other than his own performance. It was a wise decision and Savage and Neil Lennon bossed the mid-

Ellion having given them the lead just before the interval.

Conee thrives on such serv ice, any service in fact, and this was his 200th league goal. His celebrations were modest, simple and an example to Mersey boys everywhere.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2) I Walker — S Carr, S Campbell, L Young J Edinburgh (sub A Siricon, 74mm) — R For (sub C Armstron, 8th I Anhesen, S Fielund D Grande — L Fardmand, S hersen LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2), K Leifler — F Sindar M Bloth R Utilahome — A Impoy, M tool (sub P Reamark, 55), N Letting, R Savage, S Guppy — A Coffee, E Hockey Referee: N Barry



LEICESTER CITY

by Alyson Rudd

O'Neill had no doubt that the fitness of Emile Heskey made all the difference. He struggled at Wembley with a painful back, but since then has been through a rigorous rehabilitation and on Saturday was close to his best. He is a rare breed, a forward that can make Soi Campbell appear to be delicate, and it was the England defender who he brushed aside to set up Tony Cottee for Leicester's second goal, Man

Wenger raises the stakes in hassle over internationals

A FRUSTRATING afternoon tempting to charge national had become an infuriating associations for the hire of one for Arsène Wenger, so the Arsenal manager did what most people would in the circumstances. He took it out on someone else. On Saturday, that just happened to be the coaches of international ieams. Kevin Keegan included, who will select his players for matches later this month that have no bearing on qualification for the European

championship finals. Wenger had already fired the first shot in what seems certain to become an intense battle by refusing to allow Kanu to play for Nigeria against Senegal and if he follows through with a threat to block England players from travelling to Hungary, the heavy artillery will really be engaged.

Wenger's concern is nothing to do with the bombs falling in neighbouring Serbia but the possible damage to hamstrings and groins.

These club versus country disputes are not new problems." he said, "but they are worse because of the financial situation and because the clubs are much bigger than 20 years ago. It is more difficult now with the wages you pay to lell your players to go off for a friendly. I don't speak especially of Arsenal, t speak of all clubs.

Eighty per cent of linternational games are uninteresting. You can't sell France against Armenia to 80,000 people and tell them it is inter-esting or Luxembourg against England in front of 75,000 people. You cannot convince me that is an interesting game." Wenger's argument, which could soon result in clubs attheir star performers, will stand or fall on the patriotism of the players. Woold Mark Hughes, for instance, put up with being told by his club that he can no longer play for

After almost 70 caps, the old warhorse appears to have given up hope of representing his country at a big tournament. but he is being a trifle premature. The Rugby World Cup comes to Great Britain this year, after all, and Wales could probably do with another muscular prop forward. By the end of this goalless tussle. Hughes had disturbed Tony Adams's serenity, dumped



gone 12 rounds with Martin Keown that could probably have done good business on pay-per-view. Sparky is as spikey as ever.

The shame is that such a magnificent player should, increasingly, have little else to of-



Mark Hughes, as combative if not as productive as of old hurdles Vieira's tackle in the stalemate at The Dell

Vialli cautious as Chelsea impose class fer. His statistics for this season read: games: 29; bookings: 15; goals: 0. II was diffi-GIANLUCA VIALLI, the Chelcult to know which was more

sea player-manager, strode into the press room at The Valley and sat at the table. Wearing a grey. V-necked sweater, with the top bunon of his shirt undone and his tie in a large knot, he looked like a shy schoolboy about to be scolded. Only the bald pate and goatee heard gave it away. Vialli spoke in his usual, qui-

et. studious manner, almost veering towards the apologetic in tone and giving away linle in his fractured English, Victory against Charlton Athletic might have closed the gap at the top of the FA Carling Premiership, with Manchester United and Arsenal having been held to draws and Chelsea holding a game in hand, but it would be premature and

uncouth to gloai. 'So, you're back in the hunt for the title?" a bold soul ventured. "No, I still don't think so," Vialli replied, "We are still in third place and there are two great teams in front. They

Results and tables...

have more experience and they won't throw away the chance of winning the title." He denied that he was indulging in the pyschological banter so well practised by Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger, his counterparts at United and Arsenal, and only when pressed would he concede the merest glimpse of the championship crown. "If we

win our game in hand," he said. "If. if -- but it is difficult." It is difficult to imagine a greater contrast between manager and chairman - Vialli, a humble man from a privileged background, and Ken Bates, the chairman, a grizzly bear with a permanently sore head. Earlier in the week, while paying tribute to Charlton's valiant struggle against relegation, Bates stated bluntly: "At the end of the day, class should tell — and we've got

Truth often hurts and class did tell, with Charlton's Premiership adventure perhaps drawing to a painful conclusion. They outpointed Chelsea in many areas. mainly through physical endeavour, several chances created through patient and precise ap-

more class than them."



proach play and scrapped and fought until their fingernails were raw. None of it, though, could

by Russell Kempson

bridge the gulf. Chelsea ran when they needed to, challenged when they smelt dan-ger and strolled when the heat was off. Desailly, on his return from European championship duty with France, performed with a swagger that encapsulated everything that Charlton lacked. His presence was immense, his play immaculate.

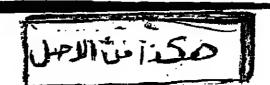
The goal, in the eleventh minute, illustrated the chasm. Ilic, the Charlton goalkeeper. called to catch Ferrer's cross. Tiler, his team-mate, did not trust him and tried to head clear and Di Matteo drove in the loose ball, albeit with a mis-hit. "It was a howler." Alan Curhishley, the Charlton manager, said, "and we've done that all too often this sea-

tlic, a Serb, had defied a call from the Yugoslav FA to boy-cott domestic matches while the Balkan conflict remains unresolved. He said his piece in a dignified manner in the match ogramme - not for him the tub-thumping, banner-waving protest of Sasa Curcic, the Crystal Palace midfield player, the previous weekend and played well, making good saves from Flo and Wise.

He also wore a black armband. "He felt he had to do something," Curbishley said. "Some of his friends and family are in Belgrade. He was a bit upset at first, but he was OK after that. Unfortunately. he got caught up in the situa-tion for the goal."

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (3-4-3): S list—R Ruhss, S Brown, C Tiler—O Mills (seb*) Barries, 54-mint, M Kirsella, G Stuert, C Providi (sub; S Jones, 81):—J Roberson, C Islandonca (sub; A Humi, 77), M Pangle CHELSEA (4-4-2) E de Goey Islut K Hinchcod, 46):—A Ferrer, M Desailly, F Leboud, G Le Satur—B Goldbaet, J Morra (sub; O Press Sh. O Wiese RD) Malter (sub; M O Press Sh. O Wiese RD)







NOTTINGHAM FOREST -

by George Caulkin

IT IS a touch ironic that David O'Leary should profess such a cursory interest in the powers of psychology, for here is a foothall manager mired in the depths of denial. The men in white coats would doubtless have a field day with such a fascinating patient; the men in white shirts already do.

Can Leeds United qualify for a place in the European Cup? "Manchester United. Chelsea and Arsenal are enotled to be in the top three." Is O'Leary not making a subtle attempt to deflect the pressure onto his nearest rivals. "I'm not an intelligent man like Arsène Wenger. I'm not into all the rubbish." Well, no, of course not. Perish the thought,

O'Leary, the analysts might say, inhabits a world of bhiss-ful fantasy. His youthful side have won their past seven FA Carling Premiership matches -- equalimg a post-war record set by Don Revie's definitive United team 26 years ago and, with each, his claims that fundamental restructuring is required ring more hollow.

He means it, of course, yet his players keep feinting and flicking their way beyond the opposition, breathing down the neck of Chelsea, in third place, — now just two points distant, although with a game in hand — and generally mak-ing his life a misery. At this rate, how will he convince his directors to loosen the pursestrings this summer?

The answer may not be too long in coming, given that Leeds's seven-game run-in indudes matches against the trio immediately above them. Even if the championship is not a realistic option, Leeds are duty bound to play a vital

role in the final outcome. In the meantime, they continue to play hard, finding the necessary gear to cruise past day but expending little obvi-ous effort. Ron Aikinson, the Forest manager, maintained his innocence in the shadow of the gallows - "for long periods, we were the better team" but Leeds roused them-

selves when they had to. An otherwise ordinary firsthalf was illuminated by Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's seventeenth goal of the season, stepping beyond Johnson and Chettle before striking home powerfully from the fringes of the penalty area, and although Forest equalised in the 53rd minute — Alan Rogers directing a volley beyond Martyn they remained brittle.

United regained the lead quickly, a foul by Gough enabling Ian Harte to score with a firm free kick, while, in the 83rd minute, the excellent Alan Smith hooked a corner by Harte, headed back to him by Woodgate, into the net. There was time aplenty for Carlton Palmer to receive his annual red card at Elland Road for two raking tackles on Bowyer.

"A lovely sniffer's goal," O'Leary called Smith's eighth in Il first-team starts, which. considering the events on Merseyside, was perhaps not the most sympathetic term. If, as a topic of conversation, the subject did not infuriate him so, it would have been tempting to describe it as a Freudian slip. Psychologically speaking.

LEEDS UNITED (4-3-3) N Martyn — J Woodgate D Weiheral, L Radebe, I Harte — L Bower, Ø Hopkin, 8 Ribeiro — H Keerell (sub. M Jones, 90mm), A Smith, J F

NOTINGHAM FOREST (3-5-2) M Cross-ley — C Edwards, R Gough, S Chettle — T Bonaler, A Johnson C Palmer, A Rogers, S Stensaes (sub- H Porifino 811 — M Hare-wood, O Freedman (sub-N Shippeatev, 66)

FA Carling Premiership: United captain underlines his value



Beckham, partly obscured by Cole, forces home Manchester United's equaliser with Sullivan, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, for once powerless to intervene. Photograph: Tom Hevezi

BLIGHTED by financial ruin contaminated by the stench of decaying dreams, Selhurst Park made a poignantly incongruous setting for Manchester United's final outing before their most important game for 30 years.

As Juventus succumbed 1-0 in the similarly humble surroundings of Empoli, Serie A's bottom club, United prepared for the visit of the Italian champions to Old Trafford on Wednesday night with this cloyingly unsatisfactory draw in the depths of South London.

Juventus, slipping towards mid-table, have nothing left to play for in their domestic league. United, though, were stuck in a no man's land be-tween fending off their title challengers and saving them-selves for the first leg of the Eu-

ropean Cup semi-final.

It showed. For the opening 20 minutes, they were almost catatonic. Gary Neville's headed back-pass was intercepted by Jason Euell and expertly converted in the fifth minute - and Wimbledon should have gone further ahead.

BRIAN KIDD, the Blackburn

Rovers manager, says that his team "cannot afford to look too

far into the distance" as they

strive to avoid relegation from

the FA Carling Premiership.

yet their seven remaining fixtures appear so treacherous

Keane's determination dispels early lethargy

Hartson, Denis Irwin played a pass across the back four that went to Marcus Gayle, who should have taken advan-tage, and Schmeichel had to

bounding shots and blocks and a sprinkling of wonderful

saves from Neil Sullivan. United's only reward was the equaliser that they scored on the stroke of half-time. Irwin, who had suffered his share of embarrassment at the hands of Gayle, nutmegged

Kidd gets sympathy but

no help from old pals

spoon into the air off his thigh. When

stared at the floor, kicked sods

out of the pitch and generally looked glum. They have not lost for 20 games now, but although Arsenal did not get any nearer to them, Chelsea have re-emerged as significant

challengers.

Their captain

pean Cup final itself that he was playing in. It was in his duel with Robbie Earle and Jason Euell, who were both outstanding for the home side, that provided the most uplifting part of the afternoon.

As United prepare to try to

for so many years, Earle's assessment of Keane's growing maturity boded well for their chances. "He is the best mid-

He doesn't question himself like I think he used to when Paul Ince was at Old Trafford. ince used to call himself 'the guvnor and I don't think Keane liked that because that is how he saw himself. Now he

sessed himself, like you have to. He sits and holds in front of the defence, dictating the play.

He is without question their most influential player. "At one point, he even apologised to me after coming in a bit late. That took me by surprise. Two years ago, I would

have reacted to him and then he would have been in my face and he would have got into trouble." Against Juventus, United will rise far beyond the level they reached against Wimbledon's rudderless side. Ryan

Giggs, an idle substitute on Saturday, will almost certainly replace Jesper Blomqvist and Jaap Stam should return from injury. Selburst Park and its myri-

ad frustrations will be forgotten in an instant when Juventus run out in their black and white shirts. There will be no half measures, no catatonia on Wednesday night.

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MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Newle, H Berg, R Johnsen, O
Invan — O Beckham, R Keane, P Scholes, J
Blomoyest (sub: O G Sotskjaer, 73) — A
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field player in the country, was superb, a without any doubt," Earle be at his sharpest to stop Euell dropped, Davmodel of unid Beckham after Hartson had wrestled said. "He has got the edge on WIMBLEDON Ronny Johnsen aside. Then, United snapped out of it. For the rest of the game, was first to it, Patrick Vieira because you volleying into can't rattle him, you can't ing his teamthe corner of wind him up like you can with MANCHESTER they worked like dervishes. At times, the siege of the Wimble-don goal was almost comical, the net. Vicira. Maybe a couple of UNITED When the fitirelessly, so years ago, but not any more. by Oliver Holt nal whistle furiously, that "The responsibility of being a pinball game of madly re-Football Correspondent blew, the Unitit could have captain has helped him mature as a person and a player.

is, without any question. clearance straight at John a cross that Dean Blackwell only United player who rose goal that has driven them on he got last season, he has reas-

Wednesday sit back as Coventry step forward

WEDNESDAY

COVENTRY CITY 2

by Peter Robinson

wards. "You have seen two

teams not playing well." So Coventry played badly and

won, the sign of a team that is

staying up, and Wednesday played badly and lost, for the

fifth time in a row, the sign of

THERE are some things that, simply, you do not do in life argue with a policeman; serve potatoes with custard; holiday m Eastbourne before the age of 83; move to Rockail. You know it's silly, you don't do it.

Does anybody stand in front of Mike Tyson and say to his face: "You're a nutter, a complete ... etc etc"? Of course not. Does anyone admit to liking British Rail food? No. So why does Joe Public scan the league tables each Easter and say: "Look at Coventry City, they're in trouble,

they could go down?" No they won't, they never do. They flirt with relegation. they flash their pretty little eye-lashes at it, lift their hem an inch or two, blush, let it buy them a drink and then tell it that, after all that effort, they'd rather not, all the same, but perhaps oext time.

And the next time comes, and the oext, and every year people fall for it, and on Saturday you could wonder only at the predictability of it all. No matter that Sheffield Wednesday are a decent side on their day, here they were handing over three points like granny with ber chocolate eggs. "It was a funny game, real-ly," Gordon Strachan, the Cov-

a team that could go down. It is far too early to say, of course. The Easter pro-gramme is only halfway through and making a judg-ment before Coventry enter-

tain Southampton today and Sheffield cross the Pennines to Everton is premature, at best ... but, well, Coventry will not be relegated, surely, and they showed why at Hillsborough. Whatever weaknesses that they might have, they know how to win, albeit occasionally. Moreover, in Whelan and

Huckerby paved the way for their first, after 18 minutes, breaking free of a careless de-fence before being felled by Srnicek. McAllister converted the penalty, Smicek was lucky not to be sent off.

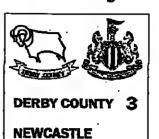
Wednesday reorganised at half-time and equalised shortly after it when Rudi turned in Carbone's bicycle kick. They had chances to win, too, but, with the end nigh, stood back and watched as Huckerby crossed from the right and Whelan tapped the ball home.

Strachan knew that his team had been lucky, but was not complaining. Danny Wilson, his opposite number, had reasoo to but had more pressing things on his mind - a neck injury to Walker, for instance, that threatens his participation against Everton and therefore his record of starting every league match this season for Wednesday, one that he shares with Atherton, Thome and Jonk. Now would be a bad time to lose him.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-3-1-2): P Sincels — P Atherton. E Thome, O Walker (sub.) Newsome, 45mm), L Briscoe — N Aresendersson, W Jonk (sub: P Scott, 90), P Rud — B Carbone — R Cresswell. O Humphreys (sub: O Sonner, 45).

COVENTRY CTTY (4-2). M Hedman — G Breen, R Shaw, P Williams, M Edworthy — G Boalang, G McAlfister (sub P Clement, 90), P Teller, S Froggan — O Huckerby, N Whelan.

Keegan's spirit returns to haunt **Derby**



by Richard Hobson

UNITED

NOBODY would mistake Ruud Gullit and Kevin Keegan in an identity parade, but on Saturday Newcastle United bore an uncanny re-semblance to the Toon constructed fearlessly by the temporary England manager. Unfortunately for the nerves of the travelling support, comparisons grew to be as valid in defence as in attack. Going forward, Newcastle

might have equalled anything seen in the FA Carling Premiership this season. With Ketsbaia and Maric peeling off the Derby County back three purposefully, Speed breaking from midfield and Hughes sweeping along the right, the confused performances that undermined Gullit's credenoals in his formative days at St James's Park became increasingly hard to recall.

True, Derby defended as carelessly as the visitors and two of the goals relied upon deflections. Dabizas, too, might have seen red rather than yellow when he needlessly pulled back Baiano to concede a penalty early on. Yet, ultimately. they were worthy winners.

Jim Smith, the Derby manager, suggested that Newcastle played with such freedom because they know qualifica-tion for the Uefa Cup was as-sured. That this could happen

Results and tables

by reaching the FA Cup semifinals has provoked ridicule in certain quarters. However, if the best aspects of their performance at Pride Park are reproduced next Sunday, and the worst are corrected, then Newcastle can make the issue academic by overcoming Tottenham Hotspur. Those who negotiated England's represenrooting for them to ease what ought to be considerable em-

By coincidence, Newcastle entertain Tottenham today and while Gullit suggested on Saturday that he will not become involved in mind games with George Graham, some of his comments tater suggested he has started already. There was nothing to hide from the Tottenham manager, Gullit said, only for coyness to pre-vail over the possibility that Alan Shearer and Duncan Ferguson will return.

Smith dismissed with a gruff chuckle the notion that Derby themselves are now viable candidates for Europe. They have conceded eight goals in the past two matches and badly missed the physical presence of the suspended Daryl Powell. After Burton gave Derby the lead, they allowed Speed a free header to equalise and a clear view of too much of the goal to convert a free kick aftr Baiano's penalty.

They were punished, too, for allowing Ketsbaia the time to shoot before half-time, when Solano also hit a post. Solano himself was unmarked when he met Ketsbaia's cross with a firm, controlled volley to extend the lead and although Wanchope headed beyond Given in injury time, the minutes had run out for Derby. DERBY COUNTY (3-4-1-2): R Houti — S Prov, H Carbonen (sub: P Wanchope, 43mm), J.Laursen — V Borbolas, S Schroor (sub: D Sumdey, 81), L Bohinen, A Dongo — F Basino — O Burton, M Beck. NEWCASTLE UNITEO (4-4-2): S Given — A Hughes, L Charvel, N Dabizas, A Griffin — N Solano (eub: G Brady, 631, R Lee, G Speed, O Domi — S Maric (sub. L Saha,

that the two points dropped against Middlesbrough on Saturday could prove to be MIDDLESBROUGH O extremely costly. Blackburn, only a point by Steve Wood Alas, Blackburn's efforts

clear of the relegation places. are left with trips to Arsenal, Southampton, Charlton Athletic and Newcastle United and have home dates with Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Manchester United. Kidd does not need to have the simation spelt out to him - indeed, he chastises the out-

siders who remind him of the seriousness of his team's plight — but the fact is that Blackburn need ten more points to be anything like safe and the stakes, whether Kidd likes it or not, will keep rising. Although he can become prickly, he must be admired

for the way that he is trying to throw a protective arm around his players. "I have never understood all that pressure stuff." he said again on Saturtday. 'but if there is some, it will come on me and I will make sure the players relax."



against Middlesbrough, a team that needed two recent victories to allay their own relegation worries, bordered on the tortuous. Kidd said that "quality in and around the box let us down". Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager. singled out the efforts of Gary Pallister, who was coached by Kidd and captained by Robson when the trio were at Old Trafford.

Pallister retains the priceless ability to read the play and frustrate opponents. Chris Sutton, a player adept at backing into his marker, got no change out the Middlesbrough centre back. Then again, Sutton, who withdrew from the England squad against Poland, was clearly

Ashley Ward and Callum Davidson went close, with a header and fizzing shot respec-tively, but only Matt Jansen. the England Uoder-21 forward, hinted at the subtlety required to find a way through such a stubborn defence.

Middlesbrough were similarly stupefying in attack until Gascoigne was introduced. The crowd laughed when the midfield player failed to control a simple pass. but they held their breath as he went close to scoring in the final minute with a wonderful free kick from 30 yards, which struck the bar. After only 22 minutes of action. Gascoigne appeared to be in need of a liedown, but perhaps that was as much to do with the general

lack of fitness.

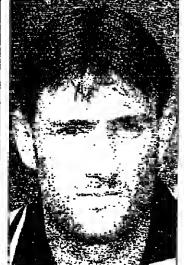
air of mediocrity as with his Before they left Lancashire, Pallister and Robson both spoke of Kidd as a great coach, a good person, a diligent worker. They hoped he would take Blackburn out of trouble. It

Blackburn out of trouble. It was all so platitudinous.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-3-3) J Filen —
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Huckerby, they bave very entry manager, said aftergood strikers who score goals. Le Tissier's return gives Southampton welcome boost

By BILL EDGAR



Hinchcliffe: back strain

THEIR unbroken spells in the top flight of English football comprise a combined 53 seasons, yet their traditional pose at the summit has been as figures clinging to the mountain edge by their finger-nails. Coventry City and Southampton have rarely mixed with the championship challengers and this campaign has been no exception. Pair them in a league match over Easter and the result is more or less guaranteed: a relega-

uon haule. Coventry have begun the annual lest of their immunity to the drop in encouraging fashion, collecting ten points from five games in the

FA Carling Premiership since calculations of safety targets began to be made in earnest. Their optimism for staying up is increased by the away record of Southampton, who visit Highfield Road this afternoon. The team with the lowest goal tally in the Premiership and Nationwide League will be seeking only their second win away from The Dell this season.

Victory over Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on Saturday put Coventry four points clear of Southampton, who are third from bottom with seven games remaining. However, the Hampshire side, who earned a creditable

home draw against Arsenal at the ter at the same ground last April, weekend, will be heartened by the return from suspension of three midfield players - Matthew Le Tissier, Hassan Kachloul and Chris Marsden. Marian Pahars,

the Latvia international, is also in

contention to make his debut. An equally tense game can be expected at Goodison Park, where Everton and Wednesday will also be keen to improve on their perilous positions close to the bottom. Like Coventry and Southampton. they are in a familiar position. having fought a relegation encoun-pered by a neck problem.

when Everton lost 3-1 but eventually escaped demotion on goal differ-

Defeat by Liverpool on Saturday meant that Everton have gathered just nine points from 13 league games between Christmas and Easter, but Wednesday's form is no better. Having lost their past five matches, they will be keen for Andy Hinchcliffe to recover from a back strain in time to face his former team. Des Walker, his fellow defender, is also a doubt, ham-

Charlton Athletic's remarkable revival has faltered recently and they will be chasing a first victory in five games when they visit West Ham United today. Their attempt to climb out of the bottom three will be helped if, as expected, Rio Ferdinand has not recovered from the ankle injury that he sustained during West Ham's goalless draw against Aston Villa

Nottingham Forest, who "need a few snookers" to survive, according to Ron Atkinson, their manager. may struggle to trouble Liverpool, who won 5-1 when the teams met at Anfield earlier in the

season. The return from suspension of Pierre van Hooijdonk and Chris Bart-Williams is unlikely to Itelp avoid defeat for a team that has lost its past six home games.

Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur, the latter guaranteed a Uefa Cup place next season and the former almost so, get a chance to size each other up before their FA Cup semi-final meetng at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Middlesbrough are away to Wimbledon, with Paul Gascoigne returning to the starting line-up after he began the away game with Blackburn Rovers at the weekend on the substitutes' bench.

Rushden suffer for late lapses

Rushden and Diamonds ... 1 Cheltenham Town.

Ву Кепти Ріке

THEY are the Manchester United of non-league football: the club with the best stadium, wealthiest benefactor and only fully-professional squad good enough to take Leeds United to an FA Cup replay. But since when did biggest automatically equal best? When the Nationwide Conference season ends, all that may count for nothing for the want of 120 seconds' more composure.

For 88 minutes on Saturday. Rushden and Diamonds were the sharper and stronger team as the two best defences in the Conference locked horns with the most prolific attacks. Then

their world fell apart.
Victory would have left Rushden as masters of their own destiny. Instead, it is Chel-tenham Town who know that maximum points from their last seven games will bring league football to Gloucestershire for the first time. It is a tough ask. With cup commitments, they face ten games in 27 days, starting today against Kidderminster Harriers and. unlike Rushden, they are genuine part-timers.

Yet whatever their status there is no doubt that the momentum is now firmly with Steve Cotterill's team. "We haven't got the largest squad," he said, "but the players have been magnificent.

As many as 1,000 were locked out of a match that aitracted 0.132, the biggest crowd in the Conference this season. Those that got in saw De Souza scramble Rushden's opener in the 21st minute, an advantage that Cheltenham rarely threatened to erase.

Then, with two minutes to go, a short-corner routine caught Rushden napping and a cross by Duff was headed in at the far post by Freeman. Rushden were then left in disbelief as Freeman released Brough and Grayson prodded in a momentous winner.

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Nationwide League: Burley hails team as Swindon take heavy beating

Rampant **Ipswich** recall glory years

Swindon Town lpswich Town..

By DAVID POWELL

TYPICAL of the beaten football manager's refusal to acknowledge a gulf in class. Jimmy Quinn had insisted that his Swindon Town team were not four goals worse than Queens Park Rangers in their last match. This time he knew the argument would not wash. So he went the other way.

"Six flattered us, it could have been ten," Quinn said. Ipswich Town, producing a performance of rare quality for a Nationwide League first division side, should have broken their club record for league a victory. It remains 7-0. against Portsmouth [1964]. Southampton [1974] and West Bromwich Albion [1976].

George Burley, the Ipswich manager, played in the last

two of those, and in a 6-0 victory away to Notts County in 982. Those were the days of Thijssen and Wark, Mariner and Mills, memories fresh from lifting the FA Cup and Uefa Cup, of a slick Ipswich

The control, the accuracy, on Saturday was reminiscent Ipswich in their pomp, though Burley declined to draw comparisons. Yet he did not keep the lid shut on the superlatives. "A magnificent performance from start to finish," Burley said. "A tremendous achievement, but it was not just the goals, it was the manner in which we played. It would have graced any Premiership ground."

The man advantage enjoyed by Ipswich for 83 minutes eased the path and Quinn was furious. "You cannot legislate for an outfield player thinking he is a goalkeeper." Quinn said after Craig Taylor had been sent off for using his hands to keep out a shot by Matt Holland. Such emergency action near the end, with a lead to protect, may provide a different argument. After seven minutes, it was foolish.

of his two penalties and lpswich, with James Scowcroft. Tony Mowbray and Jamie Clanham also contributing goals, were five up in 62 minutes, Fabian Wilnis added a sixth after 75 minutes, but, either side of his goal, David

Johnson was profligate with four chances. At other times, Richard Nay-lor allowed himself to be tack-

led after going clean through and Jimmy Glass made good saves from Clapham and Johnson. These may yet count against Ipswich, who have scored nine fewer goals than Bradford City, their main challengers for the second automat-

promotion place. Ipswich claimed their 28th point out of 33 played since they lost to Sunderland and

Quinn can see wby. This was football as it is meant to be played. For Swindon, the slide from

mid-table continues with a fourth successive defeat and, while admitting his team's shortcomings. Quinn slipped in a line of self-defence. "We were third from bottom when I came here." Quinn said. He has picked them up once. Can

he do it again? Huddersfield Town are the opponents to-day, which is where Quinn came in last October.

Cattle III (83) C-Clouds

SWINDON TOWN (4-2) J Glass — D Linton, B Borrows Isub R Hulbert, 46mm), A
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Wilnis, left, has good reason to celebrate after scoring the sixth goal that completed his team's destruction of Swindon Town

Sharpe makes his mark | Bolton grateful to Banks

Mark Venus struck the first

Bradford City . Grimsby Town.....

By MARTIN WOODS

ABSOLUTELY, completely. utterly. Thus spoke Lee Sharpe about his first goal for his new club on his home de-but when admitting his scoring shot was a miskick.
A top-of-the-range miskick.

as it happens, for it put the home side 2-0 up and settled their nerves just when it seemed that Grimsby might salvage something from a game strangled by that peculiar tension that afflicts those

involved in a promotion contest. Not that Paul Jewell, the Bradford manager, has made aethetics a priority, for he is acutely aware that this promotion contest is not about beau-"We were rather nervous to-

day for the first time," he said. Robbie Blake gave City the lead after 11 minutes when, from a long punt by Gary Walsh, the Bradford goalkeep-er, Jamie Lawrence challenged Andy Love, the Grimsby goalkeeper, and Blake fired in his fifteenth goal of the sea-

Sharpe, on loan until the end of the season from Leeds United, having spent three for-

gettable months with Sampodoria, scored in the 76th minute when he embarrassed Love with his close-range miskick from an acute angle from Peter Beagrie's left-wing cross.

In injury time, Beagrie curled a free kick from just outside the Crimsby penalty area sweetly into the top right-hand corner of the goal.

BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2): G Walsh — I Todd (sub: L Sharpe, 45mm), O Moore, J Westwood, W Jacobs — J Lawrence, S Mc Call, G Whaley, P Beagne — R Blake (sub A O'Bnen, 89), L Mills (sub) O Winders, 4-4) A O Green, 69), L Mais (suit) O Whitcless, 44) CREMISSEY TOWN (4-4-2): A Love — J Mc-Dermott, P Hendysde, R Smith (sub. S Liv-ingstone, 56), T Gallmore — K Donoves, S Carlstoott, P Groves, K Black (sub; W Bu-nett, 73) — J Lester (sub: L Ashcroft, 63), L

considerable relegation dan-

Oxford United .. Bolton Wanderers

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

EVEN their own supporters must feel that promotion to the FA Carling Premiership for the third time in five seasons would be the most mixed of blessings for Bolton Wanderers. Immediate relegation followed both previous promotions and one cannot help thinking that it would be third time unlucky if they were to squeak up again. The team that scored 100

goals oo its way to the 1996-97

first division championship could not survive, so what hope is there for the present squad? They have won only ooe of their past eight games and on Saturday were spared embarrassment at the hands of a team 15 places below them only by wayward finish-

ing and the inspired form of Steve Banks, their goalkeeper. Scoring a goal of their own was never a possibility. Colin Todd, the manager, admitted that Bolton were lucky to get a point, but there is little evidence that any of the chasing pack are capable of denying them a place in the play-offs. Oxford, although still in

ger, seemed to be improving on and off the pitch. They would have celebrated the arrival of Firoz Kassam, their new owner, with a second successive victory but for Banks. signed from Blackpool on transfer deadline day for a cut-price £50,000, who made outstanding saves from Matt Murphy and Kevin Francis. CXPORO UNITED 14-42 P Lundin — L Robinson, M Watson, P Galchrist, P Powell — M Murphy, M Gray, P Tax, N Banger — K Francis, A Thomson (sub. M Waterne, 79mm)

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BOLTON WANDERERS (4.4-2) 8 Banks
- N Cox, M Fest, P Warhurst, J Phillips -M Johanson, P Francison, A Todd, J Fullarton (sub* R Gardiner 67) -- E Gursjohnsen
(sub* B Hanson, 78), O Holdsworth
Referen: A Bates. --

Phillips turns up volume control

Sunderland West Bromwich Albion...

By BILL EDGAR

THE mist that shrouded the Stadium of Light soon became their only hope. Unable to cope with waves of attacks West Bromwich Albion would have welcomed a thickening of the fog and a merciful aban-donment. The elements showed them no compassion. but their eventual defeat was no cause for gloom: Sunderland have long been out of sight at the top of the Nationwide League first division.

If vision was slightly impaired, the sound of the home support was emphatic. The bowl-like ground helps to keep noise levels high and it is no wonder that in 43 League matches played in the stadium during its short history only during its short history, only three visiting teams have over-come such infimidation to

emerge victorious. Sunderland supporters now turn up more in expectation than hope. Within 90 seconds. their team had forced two goalmouth scrambles, won three corners, hit a post and been denied a penalty for pushing Thereafter, only a series of fine saves by Phil Whitehead prevented a repeat of the sevengoal rout to which he was a party while playing on this ground earlier in the season when with Oxford United.

The championship that should soon be Sunderland's will have been achieved de-spite the handicap of injuries to key players, notably Lee Clark and Kevin Phillips, who have both missed more than three months of this cam-

paign.
On Saturday, Clark scored the second goal, from 25 yards. while Phillips took his tally to 17 this season with a longrange shot in the 25th minute and a header just after halftime. "The atmosphere was tremendous." he said. "If you can't enjoy playing in that, you can't enjoy anything."

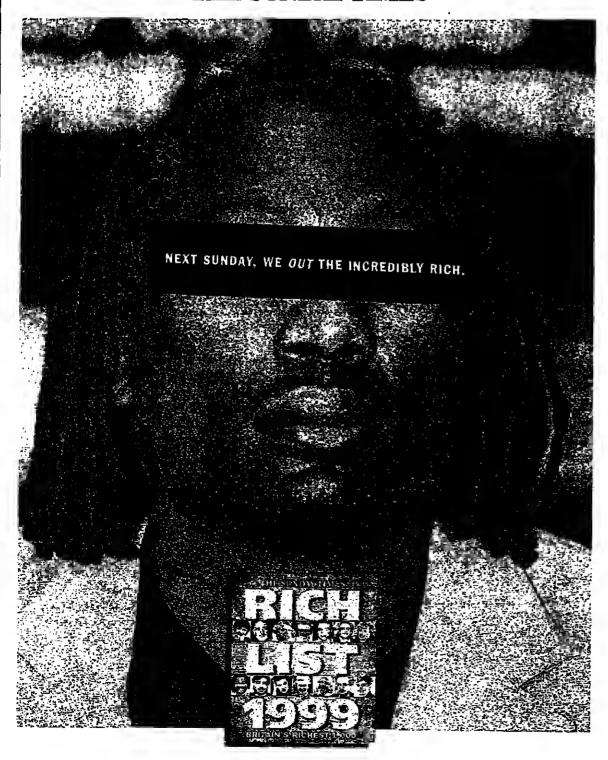
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Cooke keeps City | McFarland ready hopes simmering

Manchester City Wigan Athletic.

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A MEDIOCRE performance, one decisive goalkeeping oddity in their favour and three points secured - the very essence of promotion form which may yet see Manchester City take their place in the Nationwide League first division

automatically next season. However, it was with relief rather than rapture that City's huge following greated the fi-nal whistle that sounded a narrow victory over Wigan. The nerve of both players and supporters will be tested again today during the encounter with the team most likely to deny them that vital second place. Preston North End.

City have emerged as con-

tenders by virtue of a run that has witnessed one defeat in 17 league matches. For the past 14 of those, Joe Royle, the manager, has had the services of Terry Cooke, a winger, on loan from Manchester United, who scored his fourth goal in as many games on Saturday after

an astonishing error by Roy Carroll, the Wigan goalkeeper. In the 52nd minute, Carroll advanced to claim a pass from Jamie Pollock', but, aware that his momentum would carry him out of the penalty area, he dropped the ball that he had just caught, inviting Cooke to shoot home, which he did.

shoot home, which he did.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2), N Weaver —
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Cambridge United Cardiff City..

BY ANDY STEPHENS

YOU would not need to be a rocket scientist to know what Roy McFarland, the Cambridge United manager, wishes for when he shuts his eyes and blows out the candles on his birthday cake this evening. Promotion as champions of the Nationwide League third division will do

very nicely, thank you. Cardiff City were in no mood to offer McFarland, who is 51 today, any early gifts at

the Abbey Stadium on Saturday, but the Welsh club - the league leaders - will have derived less pleasure from the final scoreline, for it means that Cambridge, two points behind them but with as

for happy returns many games in hand, remain favourites to secure the title.

McFarland acknowledged

as much after a scrappy. goalless match, when he said: Today was a point gained rather than two points lost. We've worked hard to get ourselves into a good position, but it will count for nothing unless we concentrate

Cardiff, marginally the better team on Saturday, almost snatched victory ten minutes from time when Bowen was narrowly denied - but who would he have been to spoil McFarland's party?

during the next five weeks."

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (4-3-3). S Marshall

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O'Sullivan, M Ford, G Marchell, J Eckhardt

A Legg, R Carpenter, J Fowler, D Hill
(sub. C Middleston, 75) — J Bowen (sub. J
Williams, 81), K Nugent
Referee M Dean.

English are kept on their toes

DESPITE having spent five years in the European wilderness because of the post-Heysel ban and then taking nearly twice as long to recover from the absence, English chibs have still won more European trophies than any other country. Signs of a possible return to their pre-eminence, in the forms of Manchester United and Chelsea. may be timely if they are to retain historical superiority over the Italians, who have

collected one cup fewer. United's European Cup semi-final against Juventus this week is therefore significant in this context - and the omens from Italy over the weekend were good for the English. Visiting an Empoli team seven points adrift at the foot of Serie A. Juventus suffered their first defeat in seven matches since Carlo Ancelotti replaced Marcello

Lippi as coach.

The Turin side, who play the first leg of their semi-final at Old Trafford on Wednesday, lost 1-0 to a goal in the 26th minute by Stefano Bian-coni. Admittedly, Juventus rested Filippo Inzaghi and

OVERSEAS VIEW By Bill Edgar

Antonio Conte before fielding them for the second half, but they were frustrated enough for Alessio Tacchinardi to be sent off eight minutes from

Even though Italy's Euro-pean Cup allocation has been increased to four for next season, Juventus's only route to



Ronaldo: both goals

the competition may be to win it this season, as they are

seven points below the qualification level in Serie A. in seventh place. Lazio extended their lead at the top to six points by drawing 0-0 at home to AC Milan, while Fiorentina in second place. lost 2-0 away to Internazionale, for whom Ronaldo capped a fine display by scoring both goals from the

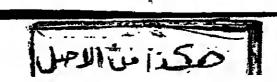
Chelsea are likely to face a stubborn defence when Real Mallorca visit Stamford Bridge on Thursday for the first leg of their Cup Winners' Cup semi-final. The Spaniards kept their remark-able record of having concedable record of naving conceded only 21 league goals this season when they won 2-0 away to Villarreal yesterday. with late goals from Leo Biagini and Dani.

Mallorca remain sixth in a table led by Barcelona, who beat Real Oviedo 3-1 with a

hat-trick from Rivaldo, of Brazil.

Like United, Bayern Munich remain on course for a treble of European Cup and domestic league and cup. The Germans, who travel to face Dynamo Kiev in the first leg of their semi-final on Wednesday, are already through to the German cup final, in which they will face Werder Bremen and on Saturday, they extended their lead at the top of the Bundesliga to 15 points by recovering from a two-goal deficit to draw 2-2 away to Borussia Dortmund.

Bayern, who had won their past eight league matches without conceding a goal, fell behind to two strikes by Heiko Herrlich before half time, but fought back through efforts from Alexander Zickler and Carsten Jancker, Sammy Kuffour, of Bayern, and Stefan Reuter, of Dortmund, were sent off in a match that also featured a missed penalty by Lars Ricken, of Dortmund Bayer Leverkusen beat Kaiserslautern I-0 to displace their hosts



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Worthin	ge 1 Banton 0; Wembley 1 Yeading 1: ng 0 Croydon 0. Second division: on Town 2 Leighton 2, Banstead 5	Warboys 0; Great Yarmouth lpewich 1 Newmarket 1; Low 0; Maldon 1 Fakenham 0; 5	westoft 3 Soham	Aberystwyth 6; in 2; Rhyl 1 Carment pages 4 JOSEA	ter Cable-Tel 0 hen Town 2.	Newtown

Maidenhead 0 Weakistone 2: Moleosy 0
Bognor Regis 0; Stahes 1 Bramtree 1;
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Worthing 0 Croydon 0. Second division:
Abingdon Town 2 Linghton 2; Benstead 5
Cratitors St Peter 1; Barking 4 Hentord 0;
Bedford Town 4 Thame 0; Bracknell 0
Tooting and Mitcham 0; Edgwere 2 Hungerford 2; Hemel Hempetead 2 Witham 2;
Markow 2 Wokingham 1; Met Polics 1
Heriow 1; Windsor and Eton 4 Northwood
1; Wiventnee 4 Horsham 1. Third division:
Camberley 1 Kingsbury 1; Cheshunt 1
Homchurch 0; Clapton 1 Ford 9;
Coninthian-Casuals 3 Lewes 3; Croydon 0
Egham 1; Dortring 1 Aveley 1; East Thurrock 2 Southall 2, Flactwell Heath 0
Wingste and Finchley 4; Tring 0 Ware 0. lpewich 1 Newmarket 1; Lowestott 3 Soham

0; Maldon 1 Fakerhern 0; Sudbury Town 1
Gorleston 2: Sudbury Wanderers 8 Ety 3;
Watton 3 Halstead 1; Woodbridge 1 Histori
3; Wroxham 2 Stowmerket 0.

JENSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division:
BAT 1 Cowes Sports 2; Bemerton Heath 2
Totton 1; Brockenhurst 2 Portamouth 1.

September 1: Brockenhurst 2 Portamouth 1.

NORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE: NORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE:
Premier division: Amthorpe Welfare 0
North Ferritry 0; Brug 2 Eccleshill 3; Buxton
1 Osseti Town 8; Garlorth 2 Sheffled 1;
Hallam 3 Amold 1; Osseti Abion 4 Ponte-fract Cols 1; Pickenng 1 Thackley 0; Saby 1
Glasshoughton Welfare 1; Staveley MW 1
Liversedge 4. SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Leyton Orient 3 Oxford Utd 1.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bendon 5 Darlaston 0; Gornal 10 Wolverhampton 0; Kington 8 Brierley Hill 0; Lye 1 Star 0; Malvern 0 Dudley Town 0; Stafford 1 Cradicy 0; Tipton 2 Westfields 1; Trividale 3 Etangshell 1; Walsall Wood 0 Smethwick 2; Wolverhampton Casuals 2 Ludlow 0. League Cup: Semi-linel first leg: Sedgley White Lons 2 Hearth Hayes 0; Halesowen Res 0 Wellington 5. INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Hale-sowen Harriers 4 Barwell 1; Kings Norton 3 Parshore 1; Oldbury 0 Stourport 2; Pelsali Villa 1 Willenhall 0; Rocester 1 Rushall Olympic 0; Shtinal T 2 Sandwell 0; Stapenhill 1 Knypersley 4; Strationd 1 Boldmare St Michaels 4; Wednesield 1 Chaetown 2; West Midlands Police 0 Bridgmonth 0.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash 4 Ashtord 2;
Bedford 8 Felthern 1; Chuselead 1 Cobharn
0; Cove 1 Merstham 5; Famtham 1 Sendhurst 2 Harriey Wintney 0 Godalming and
Guildford 3; Netherne 0 Cranleigh 5;
Raynes Park Vale 2 AFC Wallingford 2;
Reading 1 Chessington and Hook 0; Westfield 4 Viking Sports 2. Bristol Manor Farm 4 Elmore 2. nurst 2 Harney winney u Gooalmeng and Guildiord 3; Netherne 0 Cranledgh 5; Raynes Park Vale 2 AFC Wallingford 2; Reading 1 Chessington and Hook 0; Westfeld 9 (Villag Sports 2)

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Lensbury 8 Cashakiron 3; Old Westminister Ctz. 1 Old Latymertans 1; Old Finchletans 2 Alleyn Old Boys. 2

Englishment 4 Whitehawi 1; Horsteam ViliCA 2 Wack 1; Languey Sports 3 Chichester 0; Otherson (Rangers). 18; J Albertz (Rangers). 19; J Alb

Wingate and Finchley 4; Tring 0 Ware 0.

FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE: Under-17: Darby 1 Sunderland 2:

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier

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LES: Bangor City 0 Afan 1 Town 2 Haverfordwest 0; iar Town 1; Cwmbran 0 Solutions 4; Holywell 3 tar Cable-Tel 0 Newtown

Lossiemouth 1.
SMIFINOFF IRSH LEAGUE: Premier division: Glentoren 1 Ciliponylle 1; Lintield 1
Coloraine 1; Newry 3 Crusaders 0; Ornagh
Town 0 Glensyon 3; Portadown 2 Ballymena 1. First division: Bengor 1 Lame 0;
Camick 1 Ards 0; Dungannon Swifts 2
Distillary 1; Limayady Utd 2 Ballyclare 2. FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier divi

-GOALSCORERS Liversedge 4.

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS
LEAGUE: Premier division: Brimsdown 2
Welwyn Gerden 1; Brook House 3 Harpenden 1; Buckingham Athietic 2 Royston 0;
Hillingdon 1 Beaconsfield Sycob 5;
Hoddesdon 3 Weithem Abbery 1; Isängton
St Mary's 2 Ruiefip Manor 2; London Colney
5 St Margaretsbury 1; Mitton Koynes 1 Barkregade 5; New Bradwell St Peter 0 Arlessy
1; Somersett Ambury 1 Potters Bar 0;
Toddington 3 Haringey 1.

SCHWEFPES ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE:
Premier division: Hullbridge Sports 0
Burntam Rambiers 3. League Cup: Semifinale second leg: Great Weiterng 1 Blord 0;
Sefton Wisklan 2 Sowers 4.

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SCREWRX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier divi- THIRD DIVISION: 20: L Owusu (Brentford); M eton: Backwell 0 Brislington 2; Brunton 0, Mangotsfield 2; Bridport 1 Taunton 0, Bristol Manor Farm 4 Ermore 2.



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1 Man Utd	31	11	4	1	38	16	7	8	2	31	18	64	+37
2 Arsenal	31	10	5	Ð	28	4	8	7	3	19	9	60	+29
3 Chetsea	30	8	5	1	21	9	7	9	2	24	14	59	+22
4 Leeds	31	11	3	2	30	9	5	9	4	22	20	57	+24
5 West Ham	31	8	3	3	22	19	4	5	7	12	20	47	-5
8 Aston VIIIa	31	8	3	5	25	24	4	8	5	14	13	45	+2
7 Derby	31	7	5	4	21	19	4	6	5	14	17	44	-1
8 Liverpool	29	8	4	2	36	19	4	2	8	18	21	42	+16
9 Newcastle	31	7	3	5	22	19	4	5	7	20	25	41	-2
10 Wimbledon		7	8	8	20	16	3	5	7	15	28	41	-10
11 Middlesbro		6	8	1	19	10	4	5	7	20	30	40	-1
12 Tottenham	30	7	9	3	24	19	2	6	6	10	17	38	-2
13 Leicester	29	5	4	5	19	21	4	в	5	11	18	37	-7
14 Sheff Wed	31	8	3	7	18	14	4	2	8	18	21	36	+1
15 Covenity	31	9	5	4	20	16	3	2	11	13	27	34	-10
16 Blackburn	31	6	4	6	18	18	1	8	8	18	23	31	-10
17 Everton	31	3	9	4	9	8	4	2	10	18	29	31	-13
18 Southampt		7	8	6	22	22	1	3	11	8	34	30	-28
19 Charlton	30	4	5	8	18	14	2	5	9	15	27	28	-8
20 Nottrn F	31	1	6	6	13	28	3	2	11	15	34	20	-34

Nationwide PROTECTION

FIRST DIVISION

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1 Sunderland	39	17	2	1	46	8	8	8	2	81	14	88	(77)
2 Ipswich	39	13	1	5	26	11	10	6	4	32	14	76	(80)
3 Bradford	39	14	-3	3	44	16	9	4	7	2 5	23	73	(69)
4 Birmingham	39	10	7	2	29	12	8	5	6	30	19	69	(50)
5 Botton	38	11	5	3	38	22	6	9	4	29	28	65	(68)
6 Walves	39	11	B	ī	34	15	7		В	24	22	65	(58)
7 Watford	39	Ī	" 8·	3	25	`1Ē	6	- 3 5	- 8	28	33	58	(53)
8 Shelf Utd	38	10	5	5	36	27	5	8	8	26	31	56	(82)
9 Hudderstid	40	11	9	1	37	20	3	6	11	19	42	56	(56)
10 C Palace	40	11	8	1	40	22	3	5	12	14	37	55	(54
11 West Brom	39	11	2	9	38	25	4	6	10	23	37	53	(61)
12 Grimsby	37	8	4	4	22	15	6	4	10	14	27	53	(36
13 Barnsley	40	7	7	8	31	24	5	6	7	20	24	51	(51)
14 Norwich	39	6	8	4	28	23	6	5	8	23	38	50	(51)
15 Tranmere	40	7	5	9	31	28	4	11	5	23	27	49	(54)
19 Stockport	39	9	8	6	21	18	4	6	7	22	29	45	(43)
17 Portsmouth	40	3	5	6	31	22	1	8	11	13	40	43	(50)
16 OPR	38	7	7	8	25	18	3	4	11	17	30	41	(42)
13 Swindon	39	8	6	ĕ	37	40	4	ż	18	14	33	40	(51)
20 Oxford Utd	40	6	8	6	24	25	8	4	18	15	38	39	(39)
21 Bury	39	7	7	5	19	19	ŏ	9	11	10	32	37	(29)
22 Port Vale	38	7	<u></u>	8	16	25	3	3	14	22	45	35	(38)
23 Crewe	39	5	5	ğ	23	33	3	5	12	20	41	34	(43)
24 Bristol City	38	5	ă	7	23	33	ĭ	ĕ	iī	18	37	32	(47)

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1	Fulham	37	15	2	1	37	10	11	4	4	26	19	84	(63)
2	Presion	38	11	4	4	42	13	10	5	4	26	17	72	(68)
3	Watsell	37	10	6	8	29	20	11	2	-5	24	20	71	(53)
4	Man City	39	10	6	8	27	12	8	8	4	28	16	68	(53)
5	Bournemth	38	13	5	1	36	10	6	5	6	23	26	67	(59)
- <u>8</u>	Gillingham	38	13	- 5 -	2	39	14	4_	_3	_ 5	22	21	65	(61)
	Stoke		" 9		7	26	22	10	_0_	6	22	22	60	(48)
8	Wigan	38	10	3	4	30	12	7	4	9	29	24	58	(55)
9	Reading	39	8	6	5	27	24	6	8	7	22	27	57	(40)
10	Chesterild	37	13	2	4	32	15	3	7	8	11	20	57	(43)
11	Milwall	38	7	7	5	26	21	6	3	6	17	24	55	(45)
12	Wrexham	37	7	8	6	19	21	5	5	8	20	38	47	(38)
13	Luton	38	9	4	7	21	22	4	9	9	23	30	46	(44)
14	Blackpool	38	5	9	6	19	19	8	5	6	16	25	46	(35)
15	Notts Co	37	0	4	7	23	22	5	5	10	20	31	42	(43)
19	Colchester	38	6	7	6	18	25	3	6	6	22	30	42	(41)
17	Bristol R	36	7	7	6	29	25	2	7	9	13	21	41	(48)
19	York	38	4	7	8	23	29	9	2	11	23	38	39	(46)
19	Burnley	38	8	D	9	19	32	3	9	9	22	36	39	(41)
20	Oldham	_38	5	3	10	18	25	_5_	_5	10	18	29	38	(38)
21	Wycombe	38	7	4	9	27	21	2	-9	10	14	20	37	(41)
22	Lincoln City	37	9	3	7	24	22	2	3	14	10	39	36	(34)
23	Northmetn	38	3	8	7	15	21	6	4	11	15	25	38	(30)
24	Macclesiid	37	5	4	9	14	20	3	9	11	19	28	33	(30)

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1 Cardiff	36	13	4	3	34	16	7	6	6	21	17	70	(55)
2 Camb Utd	37	12	4	3	35	18	8	4	8	30	22	68	(65)
3 Brentford	37	13	.4	_2	35	16	7	0	11	24	34	64	(59)
4 Scunthorpe	38	13	1	-5	38	25	6	4	9	23	27	62	(61)
5 L Onent	37	10	4	5	27	23	6	7	5	24	23	59	(51)
6 Rotherham	37	8	7	4	34	23	6	3	7	34	27	58	(68)
7 Manefield	38	13	_ 1.	4	33	16	4	- 6	10	22	39	_58	(55)
8 Plymouth	38	71	- ₋ 5	4	29	12	5	- 4	9	18	21	57	(47)
3 Swansea	37	8	8	2	25	15	7	4	8	19	24	57	(44)
10 Peterboro	39	9	4	7	34	28	7	4	8	27	23	56	(61)
11 Halifax	38	8	7	4	30	23	8	8	7	21	23	55	(51)
12 Derlington	37	8	4	5	34	18	5	4	10	21	31	50	(55)
13 Chester	39	5	10	4	21	24	9	8	8	28	30	49	(47)
14 Exeter	37	10	4	5	24	15	3	6	8	12	22	48	(36)
15 Barnet	38	9	4	7	23	23	4	5	9	19	30	48	(48)
16 Shrewsbury	38	10	- 5	4	32	24	2	7	10	11	26	45	(43)
17 Brighton	39	7	1	11	22	31	7	4	9	21	27	47	(43)
18 Rochdale	38	8	7	4	18	15	4	4	11	17	30	47	(36)
19 Southend	39	6	5	6	22	14	4	5	11	23	37	46	(45)
20 Torquay	39	6	7	4	26	16	2	9	10	16	33	45	(42)
21 Hull	39	6	5	8	20	24	6	3	10	18	31	44	(38)
22 Cartisle	39	7	5	7	19	16	8	7	10	17	26	42	(36)
3 Scarboro	37	6	2	3	21	31	5	3	12	16	33	38	(39)
24 Hartigonol	38	-5	-6	B	27	27	4	A	11	17	74	37	(44)

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THIRD DIVISION

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S MATCHES: There were six score draws; Wimbledon v Man Utd, OPR v Huddersfield, Barnet v Halifax, Swansea v Chester, Hearts v Kilmarnock, St Mirren v Clydebank. Payouls on six end five score draws. This weeks confirmed pay out for: Six score draws: 14 winners each £7,133.50. Five

Score draws: 357 winners each £5.

POOLS CHECK'

FORECAST: Hell-time: no claims

he irreconcilable mo-

ment of defeat and the ultimate truth of

the Boat Race are in this photograph. Colin von Ettingshausen, a hardened Ger-

man Olympic silver medal-

winner and world champion-

ship gold medal-winner. is re-

the 164 minutes of the Boat

Race are over: but now, more

than ever, what is decisive is

tion in recruiting overseas tal-

ents to read social studies, can-

not eliminate the harmony

and the know-how that is

coached into the students of

Cambridge, for the past seven

years the supreme university.

thank Robin Williams. He has been in command for five

years, never losing the Boat Race, taking over from Sean

Bowden, who now experiences annual defeat with the Dark Blues of Oxford. Moreover,

into the potential already at

Cambridge was established a

decade ago by a previous coach, Mark Lees, who

trained his crews with such intensity that he fell victim to

For example, Williams, a

mild man from Monmouth, had chosen for this year's

crew Toby Wallace, a student

from Wiltshire reading man-

agement studies, whom he

spotted playing hockey for

Cambridge. Wallace was in

pneumonia.

For this, Cambridge have to

that Oxford, for all their ambi-

um to the next.



Cambridge formula reigns supreme

hammer home Boat Race truths

duced to tears, comforted by Daniel Snow, a first-year Oxford University student, after the realisation that method. the bow of the boat and was to not man, has carried Camthe fore of the affection shown bridge University and their suafter the race to Vian Sharif. premacy from this millennithe diminutive blonde cox. who had triumphed over those critics who had doubted The ecstasy and the agony are always encapsulated when her ability.

Before, inevitably, her crew tossed her into the Thames, like fishermen returning a minnow, Sharif answered in the only way possible. "I know people had doubts," she said defiantly, "but I didn't care."

Indeed not, with an umpire as decisive and as firm as Mark Evans, the end of the cox wars that had threatened previous races was thankfully at hand. Coach Williams said of Sharif, 19, who is scarcely bigger than Williams's own 7-year-old daughter Elizabeth:

Rob Hughes sees Oxford reduced to tears as the Light Blues

"Look at her, she carried a heck of a lot of responsibility, but she was big today, she kepl a

cool head and a stern disci-

Williams, who celebrates his 40th birthday today, maintained an almost Biblical adherence in being true to his own self. He had doubts this year. visited upon him by the constant stories from within Oxford that this time the recruitment of high-class rowers and the equalling of power would break the sequence of what is now a record seven consecutive Light Blues victories.

'I was pretty worried on Friday," Williams conceded. "We needed to put a few basics right and with the word coming that Oxford really rated themselves, with the way they had gone in warm-up races, f hon-estly did wonder if this time we would prevail."

However, it is not for the coach to transmit fear or selfdoubt and the Williams credo to his charges on Saturday was "don't try anything we have not

done over the past six months". In other words, trust in the method, in the cohesion, in the sharing of that teamwork for six hours a day over half the year, in the longer stroke and in the ability to relax momen-tarily at the height of the pull and trust that it would maintain the balanced, even surge that is the hallmark of Cam-

In victory, or defeat, some look for reasons, others simply draw reason out of the demeanour of men. Von Ettingshausen, whose father, Baron Othmar von Ettingshausen, from Dusseldorf, was on the towpath sharing first the pride then the despair, was one face of defeat. Another, an enduring vision of manhood in sports,

starting in the Isis reserve boat, and yet he had the courage, the decency, the impulse bridge University rowing. to walk to each of the opposing eight and their cox and to offer his hand, sometimes with only a silent appreciation. career in biochemistry beckons Hum-

phreys now, but some of his crew will be back to challenge next year and the year after until they reach and surpass the omnipo-tence of Cambridge. Hum-phreys acknowledged that it might require the whole enstripped down to basics and that every aspect of their rowing may need reappraisal, but in spirit the race just lost was a prelude to a challenge re-

was Charlie Humphreys. When the race was run, Humphreys remained inert in the bow of the Oxford boat, a man draped over his own knees like

a coat shung over an armchair.

Eventually, he rose and, his cheeks flushed with effort spent, his eyes refusing to per-

mit more of those tears, he

crossed the divide between the

This former Hampshire scholar is 22 and he had put

himself forward to be the presi-dent of Oxford University

Boat Club in this, his fourth

year of coming to the Thames on Easter Saturday. Four years and now four defeats.

victors and the vanquished.

Meanwhile, Williams was rejoicing at a portent for East-er in 2000. "You know what really thrills me," he said, "is that Goldie beat Isis. They were physically the weaker crew, but they came through." Of course they did; they were coached in the same system.

Oxford fail to live up to expectations

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

IN 1993, Oxford, with Pinsent president, were Boat Race favourites and lost by 3½ lengths, in the 145th Boat Race on Saturday, Oxford were again favourites and again lost by 31: lengths.

The comparisons end there. however, since in 1993, Oxford had won for the previous six years. Their de-feat on Saturday was their seventh in succession and came at a time when some Cambridge supporters were quiedy harbouring doubts about their crew. Even Robin Williams, the Cambridge coach, admitted that he was worried by his team's "inconsistency" two days prior to the

Once again, though, he. his men and one woman managed to get it right on the day. Their rhythm. length, tactics and mental approach were all faultiess and left a shellshocked expression on the face of Sean Bowden, the Oxford coach, when he disembarked from his launch.

Cambridge won the toss and chose Surrey, pleasing Alan Inns, the international cox and tideway expert, who bad been tutoring Vian Sharif, the Cambridge cox, in the run-up to the event. Cambridge received an early warning from Mark Evans the umpire, but led by balf a length at the two-minutes

mark and had settled well. After the race, Graham Smith, the Cambridge No 7. reflected on the lift that the crew had received when they found themselves in this position. "I looked across and they weren't moving on us. It felt marvellous. You don't expect things to be that easy in the

Oxford had the Fulham bend still to come, but they did not capitalise on it. An effort by Neil O'Donnell, their cox, to push Cambridge wide misfired when he was warned. There was a slight clash, but Cambridge held on to lead by Isec at the Mile.

Oxford, still overlapping, spurted past Harrods Wharf. Cambridge replied and were warned, but Sharif and her

crew reached Hammersmith Bridge at the better angle and were one length up. If Smith had been enjoying the race at Putney, the rest of the crew were doing so now, moving steadily away with a long, smooth rhythm at a controlled 34 strokes per minute. The lead opened to 7sec at Chiswick Steps. 9sec at Barnes Bridge and had reached Ilsec by the finish as Cambridge re-corded the second-fastest time in the event's 170-year history. Five of this year's Cam-

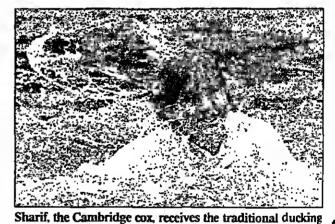
bridge boat and seven of the Goldie reserves were new to the Cambridge experience and Goldie excelled to win



their challenge, despite being the pre-race underdogs, in a new record time, with a crew composed entirely of British uodergraduates, apart from Sean Cashin, a Canadian. All of the Goldie crew are set to return next year.

Cambridge are clearly on a great run. They have not had seven consecutive wins since 1936 and the spirit in their camp is infectious, a spirit summed up, perhaps, by Colin Swainson, the last man to get in to Goldie and who, incidently, lives in Oxford.

The first five minutes of the row were out of this world." he said. "The rest was for Brad | the Cambridge president| and the Blue Boat. The Blue Boat heard of Goldie's win before they started. It was worth half a



Francis plays Hide and seek

JULIUS FRANCIS is to seek a world title bout after the successful defence of his British heavyweight championship against Danny Williams of Brixton at the Albert Hall on Saturday. This being Francis's second heavyweight triumph for Frank Maloney. his promoter, over opponents in the care of Maloney's rival, Frank Warren, the Woolwich boxer would like to make it three in a row for his manager.

Francis wants to challenge Herbie Hide, the World Boxing Organization (WBO) champion. Since Francis outpointed Williams by a margin of four rounds and Williams has previously had Hide out on his feet and then on the floor in sparring, the British champion can be forgiven for thinking that he has a reasonable chance of beating Hide. However, Francis may have to wait for

BOXING

Bv Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

Hide to first take on Vitaly Klitschko in June, as the Ukrainian is the mandatory Even though Francis beat Williams

by a clear margio, the bout was still an exciting one down to the final bell, with Williams's supporters hoping that he night come up with a knockout punch.
Williams launched three onslaughts

against Francis in the sixth, seventh and tenth rounds, putting the champion under pressure, but Francis boxed generally well behind the jab and carried the fight to Williams. The challenger's only

response was to hide behind his gloves, which were not always effective in warding off Francis's blows.

Cambridge settle into a smooth stroke as they pull towards a seventh consecutive victory. Photograph: Marc Aspland

It had been hoped that Williams, who at 25 is nine years younger than the champion, would give some indication of his potential, but he was a disappointment. He put his punches together with great force and he appears to have a good chin, but he has still to be coached on pacing himself.

Marco Antonio Barrera, of Mexico, gave a display of quality boxing on the same bill, chopping down Paul Lloyd from Ellesmere Port in just one round. Even though Lloyd was the European champion, he looked no more than a novice before the WBO super-bantamweight title-holder, and there was immediately talk of Barrera facing Naseem Harned, the WBO featherweight champion.

Leeds bid to get back on track

SO FAR. London Broncos have balanced getting to Wembley and main-taining their form in the JJB Super League better than Leeds Rhinos, their opponents in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final next month.

Their dress-rehearsal at Headingley today is the chance for Leeds to get their league campaign back on track after defeats by Wigan Warriors and Bradford Bulls. For London, it represents a first crack at leading opposition on the ground where they beat Castleford Ti-

gers to reach Wembley ten days ago. The news that Shaun Edwards is unlikely to be fit for his eleventh cup final appearance after ten in a Wigan shirt is partly compensated by the return at scrum half of Glen Air, who injured a

knee in pre-season training. With Grant Young and Darren Brad-

RUGBY LEAGUE

By Christopher Irvine

street, two props, out with long-term injuries, the biggest day in London's history is in danger of being undermined. The club is making a bid for lan Roberts, the former Australia forward, while Anthony Seibold, who is cup-tied, makes his first full appearance in the pack after a try-scoring debut off the bench in the Hull match.

Leeds, whose Super League ambitions are at risk of a third league defeat. give a full debut at loose forward to Kevin Sinfield. Dean Lawford takes over at scrum half from Ryan Sheridan, who has a slight knee injury.

St Helens confront Bradford, another unbeaten side, at Knowsky Road. Paul Davidson is available after suspension. but Ellery Hanley, the coach, is expected to retain the side that won last Friday at Wigan.

Denis Betts returns to the Wigan second row after a seven-month absence, Jason Robinson switches from the wing to scrum half and Lee Gilmour moves out of the pack to centre for the match

away at Wakefield. Hull, without a league win, have been struck down by injuries to four key players - Andrew Purcell, Karl Harrison, Andy Ireland and Fili Seru for the home match against Sheffield Eagles, for whom Dalc Cardoza is on standby after an injury to Daio Powell. the centre, in their opening league win

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SPORT

Bath find

accent

on youth

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dividends

BY DAVID HANDS

YOUTH, they say, is far too good to be wasted on the

young, yet it is the vibrant new

generation at Bath that has

played so crucial a role in dig-

ging them out of their midwin-

ter doldrums and, on Satur-

day at the Recreation Ground.

inflicting on Leicester, runa-

way leaders of the Allied Dun-

bar Premiership, only their fourth defeat of the season. Underpinning all, of course,

is the experience of Victor

Ubogu, Dave Hilton, the sadly-

injured Eric Peters and Mike

Catt, but injuries have forced

Bath to give youth its fling. Iain Balshaw, 20 this month, has been there all season, but he has been joined by Steve Borth-wick, 19. Gareth Cooper, 19.

and Mike Tindall, 20, all anx-

ious to carve a swath through

Twice Tindall, benefiting

from the unselfish play o

Kevin Maggs, wrenched open the tightest defence in the first

division and the result was a try for Balshaw and a penalty for Catt that effectively brought

to an end Leicester's run of ten

successive Premiership wins.

Andy Robinson, the Bath

coach, remains convinced that

Leicester will win the Premier

the new professional era.

Powerful **Collins** too hot to handle

Wales Youth... New Zealand Youth25

BY GERALD DAVIES

WITH a masterful display of cohesive forward play. New Zealand won the 31st world junior championship in front of a full house of 13,000 at Stradey Park, Llanelli yesterday. Such was their sense of achievement in having won five games in the past ten days that they felt fully justified, in celebration, in performing their haka for the second time in the afternoon.

Their strength and discipline overcame a spirited but fiswed Welsh team, who attempted to play a game of long passes, which were highly risky in the difficult wet conditions and played into the hands of a closely-knit

The core of New Zealand's strength was to be found in their back row. Bates and Mc-Caw were a marauding pair of flankers who consumed the Wales midfield, while, in Jerry Collins, New Zealand had a No 8 who, both in attack and desence, was firmly in his country's tradition of influential players in this position.

As early as the tenth minute, he drove so effectively into the heart of the Welsh defence that he set up a move that ended with Mauger handing on to Fasaualu for the wing to canter over. New Zealand were never quite as threatening after Collins came off eight minutes into the second half,

Wales relied too much on the interventions of Williams from full back, whilst the teamwork of their opponents eventually produced a steamroller effect on the thin red line of

Worcester's

hopes stall

at Moseley

changed all that. Time is run-

ning out and the deficit is now

four points. Worcester play

Rotherham and Bristol, their

promotion rivals, their promo-

tion rivals, in the last two

games of the season, but Les

Cusworth, the director of rug-

by, appears already to have thrown in the towel. Things

are well and truly stacked

full back, has kicked important

points from all over the park in

a long career, but it was his fail-

ure to convert two penalty at-

tempts in the last three min-

Moseley, though, did not de-serve to lose. They tore into

Worcester from the first whis-

utes that proved costly.

John Liley, the Worcester

against us," he said.

Wasps win chance to make final

amends

Gloucester.

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WASPS, who have played in four finals and have yet to win one, will have even greater mo-tivation for their fifth attempt. Their success at Loftus Road yesterday against a brave but limited Gloucester means that they will play the Tetley's Bit-ter Cup final at Twickenham on May 15 against Newcastle Falcons, the team orchestrated

by a swarm of former Wasps. When Rob Andrew left Sudbury for the North East four years ago, he took with him Steve Bates, Dean Ryan, Graham Childs and Nick Popplewell Subsequently, Va'aiga Tuiga-mala made the same journey and although there is no lingering resentment, there will be an added savour to a classic north v south confrontation.

The two clubs meet in the Allied Dunbar Premiership on April 18 at Loftus Road in a game that will be particularly significant since both seek to qualify for Europe by finishing in the top six. But the cup final will prove to be a wonderful carrot to sustain players until mid-May, as well as an op-portunity for Wasps to erase the memories of the final last year, when they arrived injured and weary and conceded 48 points to Saracens.

The memory of last year

rector of rugby at Wasps -- fi-nalists in 1986, 1987, 1995 and 1998 — said. "We want to put that right. But this time we are in good health, our top players haven't been overplayed and we haven't had the injuries we did then. We think we are a better side one year on."

They are certainly far more efficient, save in the concession of penalties. Four tries to none tells its own tale against a Gloucester side of limited means. It will be little consolation to the West Countrymen that they contributed significantly to a vibrant semi-final watched by a 10,000 crowd. of whom nearly half came from Gloucester - that contained far more good rugby than the first semi-final at Reading on Saturday.

Had Terry Fanolua been awarded the first-half try that he appeared to have scored, Gloucester would probably have taken a seven-point lead into the interval. Instead, his near-miss - Mark Mapletoft had to be content with the third of his six penalty goals instead - acted as a wake-up call for Wasps, who scored a try, corrected the deficiencies at the lineout and took a grip on affairs in the second half.

They played neat, composed rugby throughout, based on a solid defence that only Chris Catting and Fanolua threatened. In three matches this season, Gloucester have yet to break the Wasps' line and the departure of Fanolua on a stretcher with a knee injury,



Henderson, centre, bursts through the Gloucester rearguard for the first of Wasps' four tries at Loftus Road yesterday

four minutes after the interval, did nothing to assist that record. The selection of Simon Mannix at fly half, with Mapletoft dispatched to the wing. acknowledged Gloucester's readiness to defend rather than offer a midfield threat.

Even more disappointing was the concession of the first try from what should have been Gloucester ball. Kenny Logan and Mapletoft had exchanged penalties before lan Sanders dropped the goal that levelled matters at 9-9. Fanolua, driven over by his forwards, was recalled so that Mapletoft could punish Wasps for offside, but the lead lasted just two minutes.

Joe Worsley stole away from Gloucester lineout, Alex King created space for Rob Henderson and the Ireland centre hurtled through to the posts. Eleven minutes into the second half, Paul Sampson sprinted to the line, although there was some doubt whether he had grounded the ball. It was a double strike from which Gloucester never recovered. Mapletoft kicked two

goals where Logan could not, but they had no response to Wasps' finishing. A series of forward drives left Lawrence Dallaglio five metres from the line and, from the scrum, Worsley and Wood worked

Paul Volley into the corner. The black tide was running strongly and twice the Gloucesdefence faltered before Wood and Worsley, yet again, paved the way for Logan to be driven over by his pack. The Scot carried his match tally to 20 points by kicking the conSCORIERS: Wasper: Tries: Henderson (40), Sampson (51), Volay (70), Logan (61), Conversions: Logan 3. Peneity goals: Logan 3 (0, 21, 25) Gloucester: Peneity goals: Mepletolt 6 (11, 27, 38, 59, 61, 74), Dropped goal: Sanders (31) SCORIEG SEQUENCE (Waspe 5rst); 3-0, 3-3, 6-3, 6-3, 9-6, 9-9, 9-12, 16-12 (mailtime), 23-12, 23-15, 23-12, 28-18, 28-21, 35-21.

WASPS: J Lewsey; P Sempson, F Waters, R Henderson, K Logert A King, M Wood; O Molloy, T Lente, W Green, M Weedon, S Snaw (rep: A Reed, 44-55, 69), L Delitegillo, P Volley, J Worstey.

GLOUCESTER: C Cetting: M Mapletoft, T Fembus (rep: R Greenslade-Jones, 44), R Tombs, P Saint-Andrer; S Mennio, I Senders; T Woodman, N McCetthy (rep: C Forley, 69, A Deacon (rep: P Victery, 89, R Fidler, M Commell (rep: O Sims, 58), S Ojomoh, N Catter, E Pastrob.

knew it was not to be their

day. Richmond looked to out-

muscle the Newcastle pack,

from which Marius Hurter

was missing, with a succes-

sion of scrums on their line.

but they drew a complete

blank. It was a crucial mo-

to explain the abject showing.

"It was such a big occasion,

and we got it wrong. We just

didn't play." he said. "But

there are seven games to go.

Let's see if we really are men."

ment.

Results and tables

ship, but he can see Europe more clearly on the horizon with his club in third place and

two games in hand on London

Irish, just behind them. Leicester remain eight points clear of Northampton, but they are playing tired rugby. It is as well for them that the cavalry are on the horizon. Once their England players have negotiated the final Five Nations Championship hurdle next Sunday, they can concentrate on club business knowing that Joel Stransky and Austin Healey, their first-choice half backs, should be back from injury and suspension respectively, along with Leon Lloyd and Jon

Stuart. For an hour on Saturday, you would not have guessed that these were two of the most Basic errors abounded, alongside an element of nastiness that cost Martin Corry a finger-wagging and Neil Back a spell in the sin-bin for

punching. The first try broke a 9-9 stalemate. Peters took the catch from a lineout and flipped it back to Hilton, his prop, who charged, and Leicester conceded a penalty try for collapsing the maul. The Leicester restart went into touch and although they did enough to unsettle the subsequent scrum, an errant boot kicked the ball to Maggs, who created space for Tindall.

defence and drew Tim Stimpson before serving Balshaw with a clear run to the line. Catt's fourth penalty goal gave Bath a 15-point cushion and spurred Leicester into frantic efforts to retrieve some-thing from the wreckage.

The centre arced through the

thing from the wreckage.

SCORERS: Bath: Triese Perelly by (67min), Baishaw (69). Conversation: Cati. Perelly goale: Cati 4 (8, 32, 35, 76). Leiceane: Try: Penally my (61). Conversation: Howard. Penally goale: Simpson 3 (15, 22, 59).

SCORING SEGUENCE (Bath first): 3-0, 3-3, 3-6, 6-6, 9-6 (half-time), 9-9, 16-9, 21-9, 24-9, 24-18.

BATH: M Penry: I Baishaw, M Tindall, K Maggs, A Adebayo: M Catt, G Cooper, O Hilton, M Regan, V Loogu frop: K Yates, 79min). M Heaq, S Borthwick, R Earnshaw, E Pelers rep: R Bryen, 73, O Lyle.

LEICESTER: T Sampson; N Ezuilte (rep: J Ferris, 79). C Johner, P Howard, O Lougheet, G Murphy, J Hamilton; G Rownine (rap: O Jelley, 69), R Cockenti (rap: O West, 69). O Garlorith, M Johnson, F van Hearden, L Moody (rep: P Gustard, 71), N Back (sin-ben 10-20), M Cony (rep: W Johnson, 71)

Referee: A Rowden (Berkshire).

Tuigamala leads Newcastle to Twickenham

Tetley's Bitter Cup: North v South encounter promises classic final

Richmond . Newcastle Falcons......

BY MARK SOUSTER AT WOOLER livestock mar-Worcester

ket in Northumberland last week, the locals were berating By Nicolas Andrews THE rise of Worcester has been relentless. From Midlacklustre performance in Newcastle's record trouncing lands Two West ten years ago, they have advanced inexoraby Northampton. Someone even suggested that he might be ready for the knackers' yard. This week, when they rebly to the brink of the Allied Dunbar Premiership first diviconvene, they will no doubt name a prize bull after him, sion. So it was again this season, as they set the pace from the start, or jogged comfortafor Tuigamala was back to his bly alongside Bristol at the top imperious best against Richof the second division. mond, a player who, in tan-Three defeats in their past dem with Rob Andrew, four games, though, have proved to be a man for the oc-

> ham on May 15. Tuigamala scored two tries and repeatedly cut Richmond to the bone. They might have

casioo and the reason why

Newcastle will be at Twicken-

known that he was coming, ei-ther off his wing or from the centre, after the injury to Jon-ny Wilkinson forced a reshuffle, but they could not always

The tries apart one moment in the 65th minute epitomised his afternoon. Earl tle midfield in an attempt to break the stranglehold, only for Tuigamala to turn, dive backwards, catch and pass the ball away to Gary Armstrong in virtually one movement.

For the new regime at Newcastle, who have injected £3 million into the club, reaching the cup final has produced an instant dividend. During the uncertain weeks after Sir John Hall departed, it was pledges of loyalty from people such as Tuigamala that calmed the situation and presented a united front that did

cause worth fighting for. He was not alone in believing that reaching the final of the Tetley's Bitter Cup could be a defining moment for the club.
"This will have a big impact

on the city because rugby is still very much a new game, No doubt they will come the final. There is a real passion in the North East for any sporting success," Tuigamala, whose copybook was blotted when he was sent to the sinbin late on, said. While Tuigamala roamed

at will, it was Rob Andrew at fly half who twisted and turned Richmond, and the performance of the Newcastle forwards that allowed him to do so. John Kingston, the Richmond director of rugby, admit-ted that he thought his side could "get at" Andrew when Wilkinson retired after a clash rouch to persuade potential of beads with Nick Walne, but backers that Newcastle were a not a bit of it. It simply in-

spired the 36-year-old, who dropped a goal and kicked a penalty and conversion. Close your eyes and you could imagme him playing for England five or six years ago. Time and again, he would receive the ball, dink, check and then, off

Tuigamala: great power overwhelmed Richmond

either left or right foot, kick the ball into the corners. With Richmond insecure on their own lineout ball, the tactic worked admirably.

"From a club point of view and the new owners it was massively important to win," Andrew said. "For me personback to Twickenham, to take the club to a cup final."

After their own travails, it was difficult not to feel some sympathy for Richmond, but on the day they simply froze. or at least their threequarters did. They were stolid in midfield, lay too deep and showed neither sparkle or wit. Their bandling was desperate. It did not help that Va'a, their playmaker, had a dismal

As an attacking entity, Richmond were non-existent.

Let's see if we really are men."

SCORIERS: Richmond: Penalty goal:
Va'a (45min). Newcastle Falconst: Tries:
Tugernals 2 (23, 50; Conversions: Witnson, Andrew. Dropped goal: Andrew (33).
Penalty goal: Andrew (53).
SCORING: SEQUENCE (Fichmond first):
0-7, 0-10, (nati-time), 3-10, 3-13, 3-20.
RICHMOND: M Pris, N Waine, J Wilgit, M
Daon, S Brown, E Va'a, A Pichot, O McFarland, B Wilsons, O Committon, A Sherdian
prop: B Cusack 53), C Gilles, C Quinnell, R
Hakken (rep.: J Berloot 9), B Castle.
NEWCASTLE FALCONS: S Legg., T Undarwood, M Shaw, J Wilkinson, V Tulgamals
(sh-bin, 72-80), R Andrew, G Armstrong, G
Graham, R Nesdele, I Peol (rep: S Best 65),
G Archer, G Weir, P Walton, R Amold, R
Beettle (rep: H Vyyston), 37-62).
Reference E Morrison (Bristol).

When they failed to take advantage of a rare period of pressure before half-time, you

Woodward's worries

JEREMY GUSCOTT and Jonathan Wilkinson, England's two centres, caused Clive Woodward palpita-

Richmond with a badly

swollen eye. Their plight, though, does not compare with that of Eric Peters, the back-row forward, who fractured a kneecap during Bath's victory over Leicester: Peters had an operation yesterday to immobilise his right leg and will miss the Scotland international with France in Paris on Saturday and the Scots' summer tour to South Africa. He is unlikely to resume playing rugby until August, putting back prepara-tions for the World Cup.

tle and dominated for an hour, while Worcester were guilty of failing to do the fundamentals well, before Jon Goodwin wen, delice John Goodwar Scored in the 62nd minute. SCORERS: Moseley: Tries: Marin (5mm). Brading (48) Conversion: Brans Pensity gonts: Brans 2 (38, 43) Worderston: Try-Coodwa (82) Conversion: Liey. Pensity odwn (62) Conversion dis: Liley 3 (9, 39, 47)

Adversity brings out Sale's best

London Irish.. By A CORRESPONDENT

"NEVER say die" seems to be Sale's new motto. In their past three Allied Dunbar Premiership matches, they have claimed seven league points, despite facing daunt-ing double-figure deficits, with the latest display of resilience, on Saturday at Heywood Road, coming against third-placed London Irish.

It took a dropped goal in injury time from near the halfway line by Shane Howarth to seal the victory, but Dick

Best, the Exiles' director of rugby, acknowledged that Sale are a far more accomplished side than their league position indicated. Their backs bridged the gulf between the sides with polished ease, yet it was a committed defensive effort in

the second half that decided the outcome. Down 0-10, Sale looked in a sorry state, but, encouraged by the openness of the proceedings, they countered with tries from Kevin Ellis and Howarth. At halftime, impressive as they looked, the Irish advantage was a mere four points.
With Sale deploying their defence more

wisely after the break, the Irish offensive was contained. Thirteen minutes into the half, Phil Greening finished off a sleek passing move with a try and, although Jarrod Cunningham countered a third Howarth conversion with a penalty goal. the Wales full back had the final say.

SCOPERS Sale: Tries: Bis (10mm), Howarth (15), Greening (53), Conversions: Howarth 2. Perastry geats: Howarth 2 (21, 34) Dropped goal: Howarth (81), Lendon Intels: Tries: Harvey (6), Galagher (24), OrShee (40), Conversions: Curningham 3. Perastry goals: Curningham 2 (4.

sions: Curvinghem 3. Pensity goals: Curringnem 2 (4. 55)
SCORING SEQUENCE (Sale first); 0.3, 0-10, 7-10, 14-10, 17-10, 17-17, 20-17, 20-24, (ndf-mns), 27-24, 27-27, 30-27

tions at the weekend as the England coach penders his line-up for the final Five Nations Championship match, against Wales at Wembley this Sunday.

For the second week running, Guscott withdrew from the Bath team because of a strained hamstring while Wilkinson left the field during Newcastle's Tetley's Bitter Cup semi-final against

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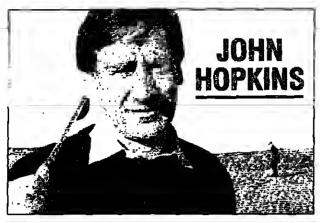
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MONDAYNATIERS

'It might sound stupid, but I've always found the rough isn't so bad in the middle of fairways'

Duval's line on life makes easy reading



onsider the world of David Duvat as he wakes up this morning amid the dogwood and azaleas of Augusta, Georgia. It is the second week of April and, in golfing terms, that means only one thing. Unfurl the parasols on the lawn behind the Augusta National clubhouse and bring on the peach cobblers and mint juleps. It is time for the Masters,

Augusta is a small town 100 miles east of Atlanta, known for once having had the largest cotton exchange in the southern states. The Partridge Inn on Walton Way is the oldest hotel in the South of the United States and the Augusta Chronicle the oldest newspaper. William Makepeace Thackeray passed through it on a lecture tour and was paid 100 guineas — a plump sum from a plump city, he

For 51 weeks of the year. Augusta goes about its business without impinging much upon the consciousness of the rest of the world. in the 52nd week, the eyes of the world are on Augusta National Golf Club and this year, particularly, on Duval. 27, the young man

who once could not win a tournament and who now cannot lose one. He went for 92 events before he won his first (including seven times coming second), but, before the BellSouth Classic that ended in Adanta last night, he had beaten his opponents in ten of the past 33 that he had entered. In one event that he won, his final round was a 59, arguably the greatest competi-

Many of today's golfing heroes have echoes of their forefathers. With Duval, it is Ben Hogan, who had a stare that was just as impassive and who was the last man before Duval to win his first three victories in consecutive appearances. This is not the only connection. When Hogan was 9, his father, Chester, sick with financial worries, put a gun to his head and shot himself. Tragedy visited the Duval household when David was 9 and bone marrow was extracted from his hips in an unsuccessful attempt to save the life of Brent, his 12-year-old brother, who had aplas-

Hogan was a voracious practiser. Duval is a voracious reader, whose favourite novel is Ayn



Eagle eye: Duval, the No I golfer in the world, stares out from beneath his trademark black cap during an incredible run of success in the build-up to the Masters

Rand's The Fountain-head, the story of a young architect who rails against conventional stand-Duval once set himself the task of reading 30 books in one year and managed 31. The week after his 59, while skiing in Idaho, he took a house guest into a room and pointed out the 20 volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary given to him as a present by his girl-friend. Duval, whose 59 had taken five hours, marvelled that these dictionaries had taken three quarters of a century to compile. "People are making a big deal out of what I've done, but it's nothing compared to this," he said, holding out one of four volumes conaining words beginning with the

letter S. "This took ten years."

A young man full of spikiness was how Duval had appeared to

me when I first came across him at the 1992 US Open at Pebble Beach. He walked with a cocky swagger, as though he was rather pleased with himself. which, I gathered later, he was. He was pear-shaped, weighing nearly 50lb more then than he does now, and had short,

e took a distinctive and somewhat unconventional grip of his club, with both his hands rotated well to the right. That was the first stylistic solecism. I noted. The second came during the downswing, when his head swivelled towards the target.

Recently, trying to explain how he was in those days, Duvai said: "What is, is, My brother died, my parents divorced ... blah, blah,

blah, There is nothing I can do about it. Maybe my mechanism has not been to analyse it because it would only hinder me from going on. The bottom line is, I don't believe you are given more than you can handle and you have to find a way to cope. You can level your own playing field by under-standing that life only becomes fair when you realise it is unfair. I do not wonder about, or want to share, the way I am. I am not say-ing my way is right. It might turn off a lot of people, but it's the way I found that suits me."

In past weeks, Duval has demonstrated what Tom Watson once noted, namely that winning breeds charisma. Duval oozed charisma long before he had that 59. He created charisma by his stony face, his obduracy, by the black cap and

sunglasses, by his remarkable run of success. Now he is making a conscious effort to relate more to people who are generating such feelings of warmth towards him and he actually made rather a good joke in the aftermath of his victory in the Players Championship on Sunday last week. "It might sound stupid, but I have always found the rough isn't so bad in the mid-

dle of the fairways," he said.
At Atlanta, three days later, he had loosened up even more, "Sure I am more comfortable than two years ago. I have been playing for five years now and I am getting used to seeing the people who travel the tour and once you get familiar with the people at each spot, it gets easier to interact. I think have done a very good job since I have been a pro, watching my

time, making sure I did not overextend myself, investing my earnings, saving money, looking down the road. It hasn't changed much in the past two years I have been doing well. I don't see why it will

in the future." The plaudits are ringing out for Duval in a way that once he would not have thought was possible, but he is no more likely to be swayed by it all than Hogan was. Designing his own line of golf clothing? Hardly. Designing golf courses? Possibly, but daily fee courses, not. as he put it, "places you have to

come up with \$75,000 to join. "My main agenda is to leave the world a better place than it was when I came in. I want to be a good role model, conducting myself as a professional, to act as a gentleman when I play".

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent OKbridge is a service on the Internet which provides a facili-

ty to play live bridge with other players from anywhere in the world. Today's deal was played at 60 tables within the space

Deal	er West		Game all	Pairs
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Contract: Stx Clubs by South. Lead: four of spade

As is popular in tournament bridge. West's Two Diamonds was a Weak Two, Now play the ace of hearts showing a six-card suit and 6-10 high-card points. North fell that her hand was too strong for an immediate overcall and so started off with a double, intending to bid hearts at her next turn. The final contract was a good spot and odds on to succeed. Assuming that the ace of diamond is with West and that you have no trump loser, can you see a line that can succeed when the king of hearts is poorly placed?

Did you win the first trick

in dummy? If so, think of another track.

The best line is to overtake the king of spades with the ace and play a diamond towards dummy's king. Assuming West takes his ace and plays another spade to force the dummy (best), ruff

and ruff a heart with the jack (if the king of hearts has dropped under the ace you can afford to cash one trump first). If hearts are 2-2, draw trumps and cash the hearts. If hearts are 3-1, and no one has ruffed with the queen of clubs, cross back to dummy with a trump, ruff the hearts good, draw the last trump. and cash the hearts. You make on the lay-out above, and also when hearts are 3-1 but the hand with the single-ton does not have the queen

When the deal actually occurred the slam was doomed to failure because East had all four outstanding hearts. For more information on

OKbridge, visit their website: www.okbridge.com.

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard PEDALFER

of trumps

a. A pedal boar c. A tree with cones RINCEAU

a. A verse form b. A streamlet c. A scroll

a. Sauce b. Salı c. The peak of a minaret

OORIAL a. A sheep b. On the ceiling c. A silk/cotton material Answers on page 44



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Veterans clash

Two great players who originally came from St Petersburg, but subsequently emigrated, have contested a tengame speed chess match in their home city. Boris Spassky, the former world champion, was defeated by Viktor Korchnoi, the twotimes world championship challenger. Korchnoi now represents Switzerland while Spassky represents France. Korchnot won games two, three, six and eight; Spassky won games one and four.

while the remaining games were drawn. White: Boris Spassky

Black: Viktor Korchnoi			
t Petersburg 1999			
French Defence			
1	e4	e6	
2	d4	d5	
3	e5	c5	
4	c3	Nc6	
5	Nf3	Qb6	
6	a3	a5	
7	Bd3	Bd7	
6	Bc2	h5	
9	0-0	Nh6	
0	b3	Be7	
1	Ra2	cxd4	
1 2 3	Cxd4	Rce	
3	Bxh6	Rxh6	
4	Qd2	Rh8	
5	h4	Kf8 Kg8	
6	Qf4	KgB	
	Nbd2	g6 Kg7	
8	Rd1	Kg7	
9	Nf1	Na7	
0	Ng5	Be8	
1	Rd3	Nb5 Rc3	
2	Bd1	Qc7	
3 4	Rad2 a4	Rxd3	
5	Rod3	Nc3	
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6 7	Rod1	Qb6	
B	Rd3	Qc7	
9	Rf3	Bd8	
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White: Viktor Korchnoi Black: Boris Spassky St Petersburg 1999 Grunfeld Defence d4 c4 Nc3

Nxd5 8g7 Bd2 e4 Be3 Be2 exf5 Qb3+ Nr3 d5 Rd1 0-0 Nd4 Nxf5 14 Nb6 0-0 F5 Bx/F5 Kh/B Nc/F6 Nc/F5 Qc/B cf5 cf5 gd5 Nf7 Nd6 Nbc4 Bf6 Rb8 Nb6 c4 cd3 Qc4 Qxb3 Nb6 ed6 Rb7 Rd7 Kg6 h5 Kg6 h5 Kg6 h4 Nc4 Res Bra 2 Quantum News Bra 2 Qua

Southend A lournament on the knockoun format is underway in Southend. The action can be followed on www.chess.redbus.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is from the game Koenig -Bakker, Parsippany 1999. White has a powerful concentration of force on the e- and f-files. How did he make the most of this?

Solution on page 44



Scouse wit whose bad taste In both the ruins his efforts to amuse

t cannot be long before Tony Blair breaks off from the war with Serbia to pronounce on an equalty pressing matter of state. "If he did indeed snort in the way that he is said to have snorted then, yes, he has to go," the Prime Minister will pronounce and Robbie Fowler will be led off to a life of

You may laugh, but no football matter is too insignificant for the politicians these days, so the Liverpool and England striker had best prepare himself for the worst. Sick, repulsive and despicable were just some of the descriptions of his goal celebrations yesterday and that was even before the Minister for Sport had been allowed his say.

This is not to defend the 23-year-old, who, having invited Graeme Le Saux to thrust something up his backside and then pretended to shovel cocaine up his nose, must now find something to fill the space between his ears. He should have known better and his timing could not have been worse, with a trip to the Football Association pending on Friday over his taunting of Le Saux. He cannot expect a sympathetic hearing and he does not de-

serve one.

But call him stupid, ban him for a few games if you must, but spare us, please, from all the moral indignation over his idiotic stunt, "Fowler never thought about the kids or the wretched screams of tortured souls hooked on drugs," one newspaper served up yesterday, ensuring more wretched screams from its tortured readers. Not even Fowler would be daft enough to endorse cocaine, although some pop groups manage to get away with it without being banned from the airwaves.



Matt Dickinson savs Robbie Fowler might benefit from a change of scene

So why on earth did Fowler do it? To get up the noses, so to speak, of Everton fans is the obvious answer, after they had voiced the long-running and unfounded rumours about his drug-taking.
"It got to the point where

people were shouting 'druggie'

and 'smackhead' at me," Fowl-

er explained earlier this sea-son and he hoped, in his usual misguided manner, to prove himself untouched. A deeper explanation - and forgive any attempt at ama-teur psychology -- is that Fowler was once again proving rather eager to please. Not the

nation, of course, who will now moralise about his antics more than they fret over the bombing of Serbia, but the pocket of Merseyside mates who have been his friends

since youth and to whom he remains remarkably loyal. Far from shunning him, they will be slapping him on the back. "Nice one, Robbie," they will be saying, just as they did when he wore a T-shirt in support of the sacked Liverpool dockers and as they did when he waggled his burn at Le

And that, perhaps, is Fowler's problem - the world does not appear to exist beyond the Mersey tunnel he sometimes comes across as though he would be happy playing against Everton every week While Steve McManaman, his great friend, has decided to seek out the wider world in Madrid next season, Fowler has just signed a new five-year deal to stay in Liverpool. His loyalty to his home

Fowler makes the unseemly gesture at Le Saux for which he must answer to the FA at a hearing later this week

town, aided by at least £30,000 a week, is to be admired, but. increasingly, he may regret it. Alex Ferguson wanted to take him to Old Trafford last year and Arsene Wenger would happily have broken Arsenal's (... transfer record to lure him to London this summer. Fowler knew of the interest from Highbury but he opted to stay at Anfield and it is not only his football that may suffer.

A move, even to Manchester, would have opened his mind a little and shown him that the Scouse humour does not always travel well. He may have learnt, without the need for the FA punishment that is inevitable this week, that there is a stage when homophobic mickey-taking becomes a little more sinister. He may have learnt the difference between "a joke", as he described his goal celebration on Saturday, and a brainless

without the chance to move away, one wonders where he will learn his lesson. Not from Gérard Houllier, it would appear. who looked distinctly dumb on Saturday night as he at-tempted to laugh off Fowler's anrics as "eating grass". The Frenchman cannot really expect us to believe that he is that

He should punish Fowler quickly in the vain hope that the FA will be more lenient and perhaps then it would bring a swifter end to an entirely regrettable incident.

Otherwise, the rest of us will have to batten down the hatches and get out the sandbags be-cause a tidal wave of moral indignation is heading our way. book thrown at him just for

THIS SPORTING WEEK IN THE TIMES

own Brian Clarke's monthly fishing column; plus full reports on the Easter football programme. Wednesday: Manchester United v Juventus — the build-up to the big match.

Theoretic Chelsea v Real Mallorca, Cup Winners' Cup preview. Friday: The Masters - first day report, Saturday: Full-colour guide and expert tips on the Grand National from Aintree

TELEVISION HIGHLIGHT

FOR fans awaiting their annual fix of golf and greenery from Augusta, BBC2's The Magic of the Masters (today, 7pm) provides enough choice cuts from previous years to whet the appetite for a whole season. Alan Hansen, of footballing renown, introduces clips of Sarazen, Faldo and Nicklaus, plus Larry Mize on one of the great winning shots of all time.

LYNNE TRUSS

t must be worse for Tim Hencourse, the crowd grew ever loudman himself; that's the only consolation. Being told continually to "Come on" by unimaginative fans must be the most aggravating thing in the world. He leaves the house in the morning and is spotted by a child on a trike. "Come on Tim!" the child lisps. He walks to the paper shop and is seen by people on a passing bus. "Come on Tim!" they yell, through something more refined. the windows. He purchases a pint of milk. "Come on Tim!" quips the woman at the till, as he sorts nis fans yell regardless of whether their chap is up or down; oresomethrough his change. When he and ly, they exhort him either way. his girlfriend, Lucy, are late for a

Also, because their celebratory party because he is drying his hair, she must be under strict instruction to say only: "Nearly ready, then?" and "Tell you what, noises have to be kick-started from silence every time, they seem about as spontaneous as a Robbie Fowler goal celebration stunt. I'm I'll start the car!" The day she forsure our brave tennis boys are not gets and orders him to "Come on". I fear the relationship will be very a bit ungrateful for the phenomenal, historic support they received, but, by the end of it, I'm sure swiftly at an end. One would hate for tennis fans they d have worn ear-plugs if the to start singing about walking in a rules had allowed. Henman Wonderland (or indeed, about tennis coming home), but this over-eager croquet-club chorus of "Come on Tim" has just got

to stop before it drives everybody insane. Surely there are other

ways of encouraging a person, stiffening their sinews, egging them on, showing them you care? I mean, what about "Go on, Tim". just for a change? Or even "Tim,

Tim, pick up thy musket? Don't

people realise that it sounds rather

desperate, anyway, to keep saying

Come on Tim"? It implies Tim is

dragging his size elevens. It im-

plies he doesn't appreciate the seri-

ourness of the situation, or doesn't

care. How very annoying it must

be to be told to "Come on", in any

case, when you are clearly coming

Henman does not grin and bear this torrent of goodwill; he main-

tains a sulky concentration and

rarely acknowledges the crowd,

even when the yelling reaches the sort of unprecedented pitch heard

this weekend at Birmingham's Na-tional Indoor Arena, between eve-

ry single point played. Doesn't he

get headaches? I know I did. The

damn lighting was bad enough. Add to that the constant smell of

food when you can't bear to leave

your seat and the ever-present dan-

ger that Cliff will entertain you.

But the worst thing is the noise.

Not because I'm a killjoy (really), but because it lurches so drastical-

ly between utter silence and thun-

demus claxon-and-rattle din - al-

ternating the two conditions ap-

proximately every 20 seconds for

hour after hour - that in the end

As the weekend wore on, of

you just can't stand it.

on as fast as you possibly can.

er. This cup-tie will be famous for the volume of noise, if for nothing else, but the effect was odd. People blew whistles, as if at a Brazilian football match; they waved flags and hammered their heels on the floor. And in the end, the drama of the event certainly merited such a reaction, but somehow (how can I put this?) tennis still deserved Perhaps the problem is that ten-

> Perhaps I'm just trying to ex-plain why this Davis Cup-tie against the United States was actually almost unbearable to watch. Witnessing history unfold is a privilege that should never be understated, but if you also develop ulcers and earache in the process it's only honest to admit it. So actually, speaking frankly, the Davis Cup was pure torture, wasn't it? It

was no fun at all. So much at stake; so much to prove; the best chance of winning such a match in all our lifetimes

It was not relaxing, nor could it be. And "Come on" just came no-where near the feelings for Tim and Greg yanking your heart around in its ghastly tour of the chestal cavity for three days' solid

I mean, take Henman's match on Friday. During his five-setter against Jim Courier, Henman twice broke back idenocally only to lose sets at the tie-break. Twice my heart actually stopped functioning and I had to use the emergency generator. He broke back again in the fourth and reached another debreak, so I decided this was getting

and I wasn't going to try not to care any more — at which point, he heroically won the fourth-set tie-break, defending four match points in the process. Blimey, Such courage. Such resilience. Such a macho gesture, moreover, involving fist and snarl. "Come on Tim" I blurted at last, and then kicked myself for it. (Damn.)

n odd change overtook the Great Britain bench overnight, incidentally, between Friday and Saturday. On Friday, the American support were alone in jumping up and apptauding their chap, the Brits instead adopting the hunched posture of defeat that comes so naturally to us. The difference between the two teams was marked. Red-shirted Americans were forever leaping to their feet. saluting each other with high fives and even grabbing neighbours around the hips, as if tennis were

ice hockey or something teamy and locker-roomy and contactsporty like that. Meanwhile, the reserved Brits gave the impression that they didn't know where to Yet by Saturday, all this had

changed. Greg and Tim had evidently practised high fives all night until they got them right ("Right hand? Right. Like this? Harder? No. you first. Oh. I see"), and David Lloyd first orchestrated his men to loop to their feet and his men to leap to their feet and clap as if spontaneously moved to do so. Perhaps they rang Kevin Keegan and asked for the name of his mysterious motivational chap. Or perhaps they got Kevin Keegan. Either way, it was the fastest known case of chaps progressing from "Sorry, I'm afraid I have a touch taboo" to "Hey, I really love you, man" that has ever occurred in full view of an adoring crowd who just wanted everyone

Masterful recollection of golf's golden moments

of an impossible chip, a miraculous putt or Seve Ballesteros in hipster flares with a white belt, then Alan Hansen's Magic of the Masters will make pretty absorbing viewing tonight on BBC2. Personally, I have watched it twice and may watch it

Golfers bathed in golden light recollect the day they made "bird-ie, birdie, birdie" or struck "the sweetest putt of my life". Balls travel in perfect arcs over emerald velvet to drop with exquisite precision in the hole. Galleries leap and cheer in terrible clothes. Men drop to their knees and cry. And meanwhile, for those who love a novelty, Nick Faldo is observed to smile oo two quite separate occa-

To anyone less convinced by the glory of golf, however, there is the scandalously tasty case of the erroneous scorecard, which, in its absurdity, will confirm every-thing they ever disliked about the game.

This doubtless legendary incident occurred after the final round in 1968, when Roberto De Vicenzo, of Argentina, signed a scorecard filled in incorrectly and found that he had thereby not forced a play-off (as he thought),

but had instead lost. Common sense would call for the Tippex, of course, but alas, common sense's opinion was not solicited. "Rules

are rules," Augusta said.

De Vicenzo had signed for a four on the 17th when, in front of millions of people, he had shot a three. If he must return to Buenos Aires with a flea in his ear, he had only himself to blame.

Are there any golfers who don't remember how they approached the 16th on the Saturday io 1962? Obviously, it would make inferior telly if they recollected with certainty only the colour of their umbrella and the mashed potato afterwards, but after a while it seems slightly spooky that they can recall every shot in illuminated detail. "It was a downhill lie, the wind

had changed direction. I was two shots behind and there was a woman in a lemon scarf," they say of a moment 35 years ago, picking it from a lifetime's career. "I decided that fortune favours the brave, so I selected my twoiron." One starts to wonder (mischievous thought) that perhaps they watch old videos of themselves in the evenings.

Still, at least they feel flattered to be asked and are polite enough to reply. Imagine Alan Shearer as a top golfer, bathed in golden etc etc. Talk us through that momentous round," the interviewer urges, with an encouraging smile. Shearer sticks out his bottom lip while his little eyes assume a challenging expression. "You tell me." he says. "That's your job; that's not my job. You tell me about that momentous round if you're so keep to talk about it."

The Magic of the Masters does clear up a few things I'd been woodering about. What happens at the apostolic jacket ceremooy if last year's winner wins it again? Answer: he just puts the jacket on. (fair enough.)

hat happens if you are colour-blind and can't figure out the cunningly colour-coded scoreboard? Answer: you ask your caddie: "How many of those ones are red?" And he replies: "Just yours, boss."

It is a shame they don't show the 1998 Butler Cabin ceremony, when Tiger Woods held the jacket for Mark O'Meara so high that the poor chap couldn't get his arm in. I have been enjoying telling that story. Instead, they show him getting it right outdoors and now nobody will believe me that I ever saw anything else.



Henman's parents, bottom left, lead the applause for yesterday's four-set win over Martin

Toby's boat race a televisual treat

nteresting that Woody Allen should have described the satiric point of his new film Celebrity the night before the Boat Race, which in a single television sitting transformed Toby Wallace (a humble Cambridge rower, who sits at the back) into someone you'd be glad to see with his own breakfast show. At midday on Saturday I'd never heard of him, but by four o'clock I was wondering whether he ought to get together with Trude from

And I have to admit it spiced up the race — almost managing to disguise the utter lack of suspense generated each and every year by one crew pulling ahead initially and then inexorably increasing their lead. As a calendar event. the Boat Race compels attention and I attended it every year when I lived in Putney, even purchasing a larky com-memorative Boat Race cake from a local bakery. But I grew wary of it, especially after the tenth year of getting wet and not having a clue who won, and the cake

being a crushing disappointment.

So good luck to the Toby initiative, which will open up and personalise the Boat Race for self-excluded oiks like me, whose schools had neither wet bobs nor dry bobs (or, indeed, any bobs at all). Perhaps after university Toby could get a job at the airport or in a ski lodge, so that he can stay on telly. The only prob-lem with his celebrity CV is that he rows

a bit. But I suppose be could drop that, if his agent thought it best.

METAPHORS continue to slip the cuffs in the world of sport. It was ever thus, of course, but that's no reason not to be delighted by the image conjured by the Cambridge rowing coach on Saturday to the effect that his crew's butterflies had to be kept on the boil so that they dido't peak too soon. An ex-Arsenal play-er, asked how he coped with the expecta-dons the Arsenal "mantle" confers, agreed that the mantle was a problem. since it did pursue him. Expect nightmares featuring a stew of Lepidoptera and a sleeveless cloak swooping over stadiums in avenging fashion.

Shame about the fizz fiasco

hese were some of the most shocking pic-tures ever broadcast. I can see that I am going to have to construct a new world view after watching them. All my most cherished beliefs are in tatters.

It happened shortly after the 145th occasion of what the beak who tried Bertie Wooster called "the annual aquatic contest between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge" (Bertie was fined £5 for his part in the pinching of a policeman's helmet).

The winning Cambridge crew were presented with what I guessed was a jereboam of champagne - and over the course of five of the most excruciating minutes ever seen on television, failed to open it. I thought that opening bottle of champagne was something that students at the older universities did more or less on a daily basis.

But no. We had a pulling and twisting and a bil of halfhearted Formula One shaking as well and nothing would budge the bloody cork. Big boys, not lacking in physical strength, as the previous 1619 minutes had shown — but not one had the man-of-the-worldliness required to get at the contents of a bottle of cham-

It went on and on, for impossible lengths of time, while we at home watched and made would-be helpful gestures. making in dumb-show that on-so-easy twist of the right





hand, aided by a fair white napkin for extra grip.

In the end -- shattering any remaining confidence I had in the present generation of students — they gave up. A stu-dent who gets halfway through opening a bottle of champagne lives a life I cannot begin to imagine.

I was reminded of the head-

line that accompanied another famous literary visit before the beak: Sebastian, in Brideshead Revisisted: "Marquis's son unused to wine". The entire eight looked like precisely that mar-quis's sons unused to wine.

The Boat Race is one of the BBC's annually most successful exports. It is hard to see why - and by see, I mean looking at pictures. There are 16 big chaps and a couple of little people propelling splinters of wood down a not especially sumptuous stretch of the Thames. But this is one of the Briosh or English events that is dominated by the sense of occasion. There are a good number of these. Perhaps one could come up with graded sequence of how much relevance the actual sport has to the sense of occasion in this distinctly rummy series of events. ry, with my-how-quaintness.

It is the great Bertie Wooster Ride at Theme Park UK. All the BBC can do. I sup-

Henley has become a

strange occasion, in which the

hardest and toughest of oars-

men never really know if they

come there with resentment of

the boozing over-dressed throng, or with delight. Royal

Ascot would be the same occa-

sion if they ran selling platers

instead of the best horses in

The Grand National makes

splendid pictures of course,

but there is the same feeling

that the BBC is selling not so

much sport as history; and an

odd feeling that it is selling the

country as a kind of Last

Night of the Proms panto-

mime, a Disneyland of quaint

the United States. They promote the tournament not with

pictures of Wimbledon Com-

mon and Plough Lane and the

Dog and Fox but with pictures

of Trooping the Colour and the Houses of Parliament.

With Wimbledon, they sell great sport with a kind of

pleasingly patronising gar-nish. Wimbledon is the most

sought-after of all the Grand

Slam tournaments, bécause it

mixes the action with the histo-

Try watching Wimbledon in

and curious folk.

pose, it to play it straight and, indeed, the Boat Race is great sport, a duel in which the first blow is decisive. But the opponent does not drop dead. In-stead, he bleeds to death in slow motion - precisely the course of the race of Saturday.

The coverage caught the de cisive moment: the clash of blades, the sudden veering of Oxford that cost them perhaps a third of a length at the moment of psychological truth. Oddly enough, it was not made that much of by the commentators, but the pictures said it all.

nd then to the finish and what is always the saddest picture. in purely sporting terms - the losing crew. Even the winners can hardly raise a smile at the end, so knackering is this four-and-a-bit miles of water. For the losers, it is almost beyond bearing.

In the end, though, I did not despair entirely of studentkind. The final picture of the celebrations showed us some excellent footage of the Cambridge bow-man, T. J. Wallace, repeatedly snogging the cox, V. Sharif. We will have to go the official stats-man for the final count, but there were getting oo for half-a-dozen lip-tolip smackers. And what. I thought forgivingly at the close, is champagne to the man who tastes such delights?

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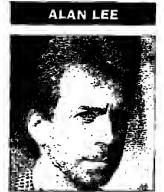
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Pushing the barriers to new frontiers



Racing Commentary

tan Mellor was the Duracell jockey of his generation, relentless and efficient. By 1972, he had ridden more winners than the legends of jump racing but he faced a personal dilemma. "I had the chance to start training but I reckoned if I rode for two more years I would set a record that could never be beaten." He chuckled at the memory, "I'm glad I didn't because that turned out to be rubbish."

As records go. Mellor's figure still proved a lasting benchmark. His career total of 1.035 winners stood for 12 years. Since then, though, it has been passed three times, the previously implausible now close to commonplace. Mellor, who will be 62 on Saturday, remains philosophical. Things change so fast. What we think of as exceptional now will seem like nothing in 20 years' lime."

By then, no doubt, Tony McCoy will have broken the 2,000-winner barrier and his successor as champion will be propelling the record still further into the stratosphere. Richard Dunwoody who should today meet his appointment with destiny and become the historical No I, will rank among the also-rans with

All of sport is pushing back boundaries. Professionalism. both in money and attitude, has dragged the unattainable into the daily marketplace but



Mellor is led into the winner's enclosure aboard Ouzo at Nottingham in December 1971 after becoming the first jockey to ride 1,000 winners

seems to be undergoing particular and prolonged revolution. No record is safe. In 1978, when Jonjo O'Neill completed a season with 149 winners, we all sighed with the self-importance of witnesses to something indelible. Yet by 1989. Peter Scudamore was riding 221 in a season.

That same year, the trainers' championship underwent such an astonishing change of pace that it would never be the same, In 1987-88, David Elsworth won the title with 50 winners: 12 months later, the champion's total of winners was Pipe and he was to be the most active catalysi for all that has altered in the sport. The biggest change." Mel-

lor mused thoughtfully. "is that there was nobody like Martin Pipe in my day. He has challenged so much." As the accepted conventions of training have been abandoned, first hy Pipe and later, imitatively, by many of his peers, so the lifestyle and expectations of jockeys have been transformed. His own iockeys have become guaranteed champions, so long as they could stomach the pace of

with competitive aggression. sparing nothing and nobody n the search for winners.

Mellor, who still trains a small string near Swindon. bears none of the grudges that sil uncomfortably on so many whose deeds are turned to sepia. "I have nothing against the modern way at all but it's so different. I rode in a wonderful time, with great characters as colleagues, but we didn't approach it in the same way. "Youngsters get more oppor-

tunities these days, thanks to the conditional jockeys' scheme, and horses are better

racecourse. Then there are videos, through which jockeys will watch themselves and improve their methods. But the biggest change has come through the agents.

"Nobody thought about having an agent when I rode and it wasn't even done to ring up trainers for rides. There was only one who did so regularly, Tim Molony, and we all called him Telephone Tim. Generally, we were like wallflowers, sitting around and waiting to be asked."

Thirty years ago, when Mellor was champion jockey

68 winners. Upwards of ten jockeys will ride more than that this season and while fixtures and improved travel have all played their part, the greatest factor is an altered

Every generation will look on their successors with a patronising pity. It happens in all walks of life. Mellor and his pals, such as Terry Biddlecombe and Jeff King, approached life and work in a cavalier way that was already obsolete when Scudamore began his years of domination.

gear-shift has ushered in McCoy. Scudarnore was at Newton Abbot on Saturday, wearing the benign smile of one reconciled to the rewriting of his own linle piece of history. Briefly, like Mellor, he had deceived himself that his record would stand forever but now he sees the folly of the

thought. In his ome, Scudamore was considered an iceman, single-minded in his dedication to number crunching, yet he ob-serves those who ride now and sees it is different again. For that reason, he doubts that Dunwoody will linger long once the record is his, for already he is a generation apart.

Needing three more win-ners to sarisfy the posse of photographers and historyseekers who had made the pilgrimage to South Devon, Dunwoody rode just one on Saurday. For the sake of credibility, perhaps it was as well, for there had been the sobering prospect of National Huni's proudest record being equalled in a selling chase and beaten in the concluding bumper. Instead, the show rolls lucratively on Wincanton today.

unwoody is enjoying the attention, and the perversity of the wait, but he knows that a peep over his shoulder espies the fanaocal McCoy, already halfway to the record after only five seasons. Much the most memorable sight of Saturday was McCoy riding Belle D'Orsin1 for Pipe. his saddle slipped forward so far after the second hundle that it seemed he must pull up. Instead, balanced precariously, he pushed and shoved demonically to finish third.

Dunwoody marvelled with the rest of us; he knows his time at the top may be limited. An hour later, Paul Nicholls, the latest challenger to Pipe's supremacy, stood in the winner's enclosure basking in the fulfilment of breaking El million in prize-money. When, he was asked, did he think it was possible? "Never," he said cheerfully. In this sport, however, we should never say never again.

stand? Struggles Glory shines in winning # return

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

WITH many top pointers progressing to National Hum racing this season - Grand National favourite, Double Thriller, among them - the return of Struggles Glory at the Ashford Valley meeting on Saturday was significant.

Struggles Glory missed last season through injury but was a brilliani novice in 1997 and showed that he retained the talent with an emphatic victory over three rivals in the Land Rover qualifier at odds of 6-4 "I didn't intend to make so much use of him but they could never get to us," was the assessment of David Robin-

son, his rider. The Parish Pump (9-4) overcame a similarly lengthy period on the sidelines when winning at the Vale Of Lune, providing Richard Ford with his first victory for two seasons. Referring to his wife, Carrie, who trains The Parish Pump, Ford said: "She's done unbelievably well to get the horse back to health."

The highlight at the Led-

bury meeting was the duel bet-ween Camp Bank and Down The Mine in the mixed open. Alison Dare attempted to make all on Down The Mine but his 7lb penalty, and a mistake at the last, helped Camp Bank (evens) to victory by a length. The winner formed part of a double for Julian Pritchard but Adrian Winde, 23. managed his first treble, on Black Serene 18-1). Sally's Twins 15-4) and Jolly Jack (8-1).

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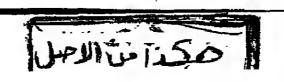
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1 20.4 ECUDAMAH 9 K Beli 9-0 R Perham 11
2 024 LUNCKY CONE 201 8 Moktainan 9-0 G Defficiel 3
3 00-6 LUNCKY CONE 201 8 Moktainan 9-0 G Carner (5) 16
4 MAC'S EXPRESS 4 Jerns 9-0 G Decryl Rosswrithy (7) 2
5 4 PARADISE LANE 317 6 Mohiman 9-0 Gberryl Rosswrithy (7) 2
7 2 TAYR 157 (8F) J W Payne 9-0 G Carner 7
8 20-3 CONSTON AMBER 44 (6,8F) 6 4 Butlet 8-9 G Further 6
9 00-0 FREE FINISH 16 (1) N Tiniste D-9 FINISH 16 (1) N TINISH 18 (1) N TI 5-2 Complem Amber, 3-1 Tavil, 9-2 Luanshya, 6-1 Ecudamen, 10-1 others.

3.45 EASTER MONDAY FUNDAY AT NOTTINGHAM 'ANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,162: 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

5-1 socia Cha Mac 7-1 Nem Tuol, 8-1 Benny, 10-1 Grecian Tala, Nighi Life. Roskelentine, 12-1 Bott From The Blue, 14-1 others.

WETHERBY

ROB WRIGHT 2.20 Topothenorthracing 3.55 Unguided Missile 2.55 Keen To The Last 4.30 Grate Deel 3.25 Samakaan 5.05 Blaze Of Oak GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.20 WHARFEDALE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,303: 2m 7f) (17 junners)

12 3054 MR CHRISTIE 20 (6.5) Miss L Siddar 7-16-7 ... M Brennan
13 5-P4 PARTING THE WAVES 16 (8) L Saierby 6-10-0 ... L Wyer
14 F4PP CLAVERING 4E Caine 9-10-4 ... Mr O Fagen
15 /6P- SELVER PENNY 457 B Elison 9-10-4 ... I Hong (7)
10 0600 REBEL KRIG 130 (F.6) M Barries 6-10-0 ... J Burks
17 F4PO BEDMILLY 7 (4) R Bar 6-10-0 ... T Hagger (7)
1 Nobio Norman, 6-1 Moorshire Dancer 6-1 School 4-1 Noble Norman, 6-1 Moonshire Dancer, 6-1 Sphoolid Occasion Topothenorthracing, Ruber, Parting The Waves, 10-1 Elemal City, 12-1 others.

2.55 HUDDERSFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£3,925: 2m 4i 110yd) (7)

2-5 Wyngard Nilght, 3-1 Keen To The Last, 12-1 Tata Rambler, 25-1 Independent Grey, 33-1 Curragh Peter, Prairie Indian, 65-1 Triona 2 Japa.

3.25 ARKENDALE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,128: 2m) (15)

(2.3, 1.25; ZIV) (15)

1 / (11) SAMAKAMA (18 (CD,S) Mics V Wildiams 6-11-12 ... S Kelly (5)

2 / 205 CORUE LANE 11 | Williams 7-11-0 ... S Durack

3 43- DAVENPORT SELVER 595 P Beaumont 5-11-0 ... MR Dismonan

4 DEAD AM 1957 Mes J Brown 5-11-0 ... MR J Crowley (5)

5 124/ DURAND 223F (6F.D,F.G) D Smith 7-11-0 ... MR J Crowley (5)

6 401 EMPRIE 60.0 D 37 (D.F) A Jurnell 4-11-0 ... MR O Smith

8 8054 6YARDRAN LESTER 37 M Barries 5-11-0 ... MR Smith

8 8054 6YARDRAN LESTER 37 M Barries 5-11-0 ... J Barries

0 400 MRT TEDOY EDWARDS 16 MR J Brown 5-11-0 ... B Barries

11 3E23 RATIVE 10 (6F) 1 Easterly 5-11-0 ... T Report

12 0 RIGHTY HO 18 W Timning 5-11-0 ... O DOUBLIFUL

14 SEPLEK REACTION J LISSON 4-10-0 ... DOUBLIFUL

15 52 STAGE WRISPER 16 (8F) M Harmand 4-10-8 ... B Harding

8-11 Samateau 11-2 Stans Whener 1-1 Fronton Gold 6-1 Durack Palme 20-1 8-11 Samakaan, 11-2 Stage Whitsper, T-1 Engino Gold, 6-1 Duraid, Rabue, 20-1 Cobie Lanu, Davenport Silver, Minth Symphopy, 33-1 pithess.

3.55 WETHERBY HANDICAP CHASE (£8,309; 3m 1f) (6)

2.0, Susy, 3111 17 (u)

1 P3PO (INGUIDED MISSILE 20 (C.O.F.E.S) N Richards 11-11-12
B Handlog
2 35PO STRATH ROYAL 72 (CD.F.E.S) D Bramon 13-11-6 M Brancan
3 2P40 THE LAST PLING 16 (CD.F.E.S) M S S Smith 91-8 S Durack
4 1101 MAJOR BELL 16 (BF.D.F.E.S) A Whitlans 11-10-7 L. Wyor
5 0330 CAB DN TARGET 20 (CD.F.E.S) Mrs M Roveley 13-10-5 _P Noven
B P100 CARLINGERRO GALE 18 (F.S.) T George 8-10-2 _Ms J Growley (5) 11-4 Major Bett, 7-2 The Last Fling, 4-1 Unquided Missile, 5-1 Strath Royal, Cab De Torget, 6-1 Carlinghord Gale.

4.30 LEEDS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,419: 3m 1f) (9) 2-1 Banker Coent, 3-1 Act in Time, 9-2 Grate Deel, 6-1 Santa Jet, 10-1 Verywell, 14-1 Harden Glan, 18-1 I'm A Baruska, Adventures, 25-1 Showshall Harvest.

5.05 WILSTROP AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,583: 2m) (13)

13 -P53 JUST JAKE 8 (8F) J Jelferson 6-10-0 ______C Russell (7) 3-1 Braze Of Dak, 5-1 Durano, 11-2 Optimistic Thinker, Wynyard Lasty, 8-1 Palisander, 12-1 Just Jake, 14-1 James The First, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: Miss V Williams, 3 minners from 16 raners, 30,0%; T Easterby, 32 from 144, 22.7%; Mrs Mi Revoley, 36 from 174, 22.7%; 6 Brennen, 7 from 34, 29.6%; J Mackle, 3 from 15, 20,0%; Mrs 5 Smith, 16 from 103, 18.4%. JOCKEYS, S Durack, 8 winners from 30 rides, 26 7%; L Wyer, 43 horn 163, 26.4%; P Nivez, 27 from 133, 28.3%; M Brewnan, 7 from 41, 17 1%. Only qualifiers.

4.20 RNIB HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,045: 1m 2f) (9)

1 35-8 MY TESS 11 8 McMathon 9-T 6 Duffled 5
2 10-0 BERGAMO 11 (0:5) J Nosada 9-7 J Savage (7) T
3 350- PECAM PEGHTS 188 E Dufflop 6-T W Ryam 2
4 224 BERYL 174 J Durflop 9-6 Carter 8
5 54-5 MOSCILERIO 47 (BF) J Gosten 6-5 A Garth 1
6 025 MAY I SAV 166 P Harris 9-4 P Fredericis (5) 4
7 000- WORRE LASS 188 (6) R Hanson 9-2 P Dubbe (7) 3
8 425- MGC DIEAS 193 5 Mellor 9-2 R Pertam 6
9 030- OREGON DREAM 171 M Boll 7-16 M Herry 6 3-1 Mosquero, 5-1 Beryl, Way I Say, 13-2 Pelan Halghin, 7-1 Woora Lass, 8-1 Mics Ideas, 16-1 My Toss, Bergamu, 12-1 Oregon Draam.

4.55 COME RACING AT NOTTINGHAM HANDICAP (£3,015: 1m 6f 15yd) (18)

9-2 Steave Sila, 11-2 Marte France, T-1 Hastale, 8-1 Militar's Star, 16-1 Browning. Classoc Contacts. Shephards Rest, 12-1 others.

5.25 278 DAYS LEFT IN THE MILLENNIUM COUNT-DOWN HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,162: 1m 54yd) (18)

6-1 Love Diamonds, 7-1 Birth Of The Blues, 8-1 Emma-Lyne, Unchain My Heart, Fallaction, Leave II To Me, Dufford, Codicil, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

NOTTINGERAM: Trainent: 6 Millmen, 5 winners from 18 natures; 27.8%, W Brisbourne, 4 from 19, 21.1%, M Jarvés, 8 from 38, 21.1%; F Durfloot, 6 from 34, 17.6%; W Jarvés, 8 from 36, 16.7%, Jockays; G Dufflekt, 19 vitness from 17; ides. 16.2%, A Garto, 3 from 24, 12.5%, P Robbesto, 16 from 81, 12.3%; G Fauthers, 4 from 33, 12.1%; W Ryso, 11 from 92, 12.0%. Rom 61, 12-3%, to Peperter, 4 storts 45, 12-1%; to regal, 11 stort 92, 12-0%, FARCHHAM (page 38) Trainers; C Egerton, 3 witners from 12 numers, 25-0%, Mrs D Heine 7, from 29, 24-1%, Only qualifier, Jockeys; W Wates, 3 witners brom 5 notes, 50.0%, Daily qualifier, and somers from 73 numers, 12-1%, G Charles-Jones, 4 from 10, 40.0%, R Hodges, 11 from 55, 20.0%, 145,2%; G Charles-Jones, 4 from 10, 40.0%, R Hodges, 11 from 55, 20.0%, 11 McGovern, 11 from 58, 19.0%, Jockeys; M Baschelor, 9 winners from 69 notes, 13.0%, P Hode, 7 hom 68, 10.3%, Only qualifiers.

PLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chepstow: 2.00 Captoin Monts, 3.00 Jathib. Falsentam: 2.30 Lucy Tufty. 3.05 Bitle: Aloc. 5.25 I'm Ioman. Herstord: 3.00 Court Rap. Hustargeton: 2.00 Digital Option: 3.00 Join St. James 3.30 Just Bruce. Kempton: 4.45 Challenges. Market Rassen: 2.15 Happy Medium, Dorington. Alvebra. 3.20 Sister Rossa: 5.00 Inch. Champion. Neversalsa. 3.30 Royal Robet. 4.25 Thetandy. 5.00 The Cannie Rover. Rottlingham: 2.16 Prince Rock. 4.55 May Ving Mayhem Plumpton: 3.00 Watch Harvest. 3.30 Hippargue Towcretter: 7.15 Normantheshawman. 3.00 Appeably. Uttrasseter. 3.25 Com Ecchange. Steeples Lad. 4.36 Belmorebruno, Spring Ocubie. Warnetch: 3.35 Franklin Lakes: Walberby: 4.30 Adventures. Wincardon: 2.30 Mill-cuoil Regetta. 3.00 Shade o'amethyste. 3.30 Nobel Lad. 4.30 Kickles Lass.

HUNTINGDON

2.00 Rivel Bid 3.30 Seabrook Lad 2.30 Charley Lambert 4.05 Filscot 4.35 Tom Silk 3.00 Ardfinnan 5.05 Wunjo

Going: Good to firm

2.00 SPRINGTIME SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,926; 2m 110yd) (10 runners) 5-2 Bbly Box, 9-2 Paroonas Lord, 5-1 Capsoft, 6-1 Multi Franchise, Tie Break, 7-1 Digital Option, 16-1 Forestry, 25-1 others.

2.30 MAGPAS NOVICES CHASE (£3,136: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 OS-1 CHARLEY LAMBERT 178 (D.F.G) J Macke 8-11-7 E Callagten
2 O-PF BELVENTO 13 J Gittord 7-11-1 JR Keivarnight
3 ROSP CHARLIES MEDARLIN 9 (T.G) Mss 8 Waring 8-11-1 E Byrns
4 DSPP EAU BENTE 84 H Collagradge 8-11-1 Statesy
5 8720 GO 60 HEVRY 38 (S) R Alore 7-11-1 JR F Fortistal (S)
7 3212 WINSFORD HILL 12 (D.F.G) I Williams 8-11-1 J Egitistein (8) 6-4 Charley Lambert, Winstond Httl, 6-1 Belvento. Go Go Henry, 12-1 others.

3.00 HUNTINGDON ASSOCIATION OF TOURISM MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,962: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

| 1 S2L4 ARDEINNAM 44 (BP) Mrs J Potran 6-11-3 ... A Thornton
| 1 S2L4 ARDEINNAM 44 (BP) Mrs J Potran 6-11-3 ... A Thornton
| 2 1-5P BALLE AN DANKSIN 121 (S) 6 Snewmod 8-11-3 ... Braines (7)
| 3 D-00 BARAN ITSU 47 K Burte 5-11-3 ... Michael Bonnam
| 4 6 B8N ST JAMES 25 (B) N Henderson 5-11-3 ... J R Krivenach
| 5 D-P KNMENYEN 123 K Cantesback 8-11-3 ... M Griffits (5)
| 5 S245 MOLLY FITZ LAD 39 Mrs J Param 5-11-3 ... V Statemy
| 7 PRITEMPS MRSSION 395 J Param 5-11-3 ... Cataghan
| 7 PRITEMPS MRSSION 395 J Param 5-11-3 ... Mr Fortistal (5)
| 6 -403 WILD BLADE 18 (5) N Chruse 6-11-3 ... M Richards
| 16 PO-5 SUPERLEAGUE SANTS 40 J Param 6-10-12 ... J Goldstein (3)
| 11 MAL SHOT 170F Mrs E Heath 4-16-10 ... J, CYRGT 13-8 Arolinson, 5-1 Ibin St. James, Cluite Lively, 13-2 Wild Blade, 6-1 Portemps Mission, 16-1 Baile An Dologia, 14-1 Molly Fitz Lad, 16-1 phiess.

3.30 HUGO BEVAN 25TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,288; 3m) (10)

2-1 Sephropk Lad, 4-1 Swing Duartet, 6-1 Perstan View, 13-2 Bas De Laine, Secret Bid, 7-1 Hi Hedley, 14-1 Codar Saugra, 33-1 others.

4.05 HOBBLING HUGO HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,542: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)

1 0012 FILSCOT 13 (BF,C.D.F.S.) C Montack 7-11-10 __J R Xavanagh 2 2502 BESSIE BROWNE 12 (BF,CD,D) 6 Hobbard 7-11-4 Michael Brennen 3 11/P SCOUNDREL 14 (T.F) A Juckes 6-11-3 ____ V Slettery 4 4463 TWO TO FANCO 13 (G) N Twicton-Davies 6-11-0 ____ Contestein Ct 9-4 Fiscot, 5-2 Bessre Browne, 5-1 Two To lange, 8-1 Ctaire's Dancer, 10-1 Prairie Miretrel, 14-1 Scoundrel, 16-1 Timoter, 20-1 pilvers,

4.35 'BEVAN BLIND PANIC' NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,792: 2m 110yd) (7)

5-2 Zated, 7-2 Tom Salk, 4-1 Come On Permy, 5-1 Tire Creeper, 11-2 others.

5.05 EASTERTIDE MAIDEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,882: 2m 110yd) (19)

OD BALMORAL SPRING 104 K Bailey 6-11-6 __Mr R Forristal (5)
D BEALFORT ZERIO 66 N Henderson 5-11-6 ... __J R Kavanegin
CHASSING BALLEY'S C Grant 5-11-6 ... ___ E Calleghert
GENERAL CUSTER A Tumel 5-11-6 ... ___ C Sangster (7)
6 GO MAIN 37 P Exert 5-11-6 ... ___ Mr A Evans (7)
8 | SAY BOB 17 G Habbard 5-11-6 ... ___ Michael Brennas 3-1 Wanja, 11-2 Beautort Zero, Toreo, 13-2 Lady Busted, 6-1 General Custer, 16-1 Micher Grähern, 12-1 Port of Cat, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

IRANERS: N Henderson, 11 womers horn 39 runners, 28.2%; R Ainer, 4 limp 17, 23.5%, C Habbard, 14 horn 64, 21.9%; K Balley, 1D from 66, 20.9%; I Welliams, 3 horn 16, 18.8%. A Turnett, 3 from 17, 17.6%. JOCKEYS, Michael Breoman, 6 winners from 34 rides, 17 6%; A Thornton, 9 from 61, 14.8%. Only qualifiers.

4-6 Pornic, 4-1 Down The Yard, 16-1 College Don. 12-1 & Cordates, Rodders. 16-1 Diarrae Imo, 25-1 others. 3.20 CARAVAN & CAMPING SITE HANDICAP

MARKET RASEN

ROB WRIGHT

4.30 Hot 'n Saucy

5.00 Howyoudoing 5.30 Obelisk

2.15 Legend Of Love 3.55 Oscall An Doras

2.15 PAY AND PLAY GOLF SELLING HURDLE

4-7 Legend OI Love, 9-2 Happy Medium, 10-1 Our Man Film, 14-1 others.

2.45 GEOFFREY BOOTH MEMORIAL NOVICES

245 Pornic

GOING: GOOO

3.20 Stay With Me

(£1,660: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

CHASE (£3,977: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

HURDLE (£2,999: 2m 3f 110yd) (9)

3.55 VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,925; 2m 1/ 110yd) (7)

9-4 Suranom, 5-1 Alzoomo, 11-2 Lucky Master, 6-1 Shatraoi, Airican Sue, 8-1 Stay With Me, 16-1 Round Roben, 20-1 other;

1 1111 OSCAIL AN DORAS 30 (F.S.S) F Murphy 10-11-13 .A Maguare
2 311- AVANTI EXPRESS 345 (B.CD.G.S) C Exerton 9-11-12
Soprite Mitchell
3 1352 XAPETE D (D.F.G.S) N Masson 7-11-2 H Oliver (S)
4 3040 MON VINTAGE 20 (D.G.S) M Chapman 8-10-12 W Worthington
5 P131 BULLYANO BAY 10 (D.G.S) Ms 7 Robeson 8-10-10 A D Sample
7 3224 MISS PENRYHILL 10 (B.G) A Sadik 6-10-0 6 A Mickenghilm (7) 7-2 Occan An Dorac. 4-1 Avand Express, 9-2 Boutevard Bay, 5-1 Cool Spot, 6-1 Xaipete, 7-1 Non Viotage, Miss Pennyhill.

4.30 EASTER MONDAY NN NOVICES HURDLE (£3,272: 2m 3f 110yd) (13)

7-4 Hot 'n Saucy, 9-4 Coolae, 11-2 Strong Spray, 6-1 Pampered Gale, 7-1 Star Myctery, 16-1 Barton Nic, 25-1 Wag The Brosti, 50-1 pilers.

5.00 WEST LINDSEY EASTER CUP (NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE) (£3,755: 3m 1f) (10)

5 4533 FALCON'S FLAME 18 V Thompson 6-10-7 Mr M Thompson 6-10-7 THEFTY BELOW 88 (CD.F.S) M Chapman 10-10-5 G. Lee 7 P532 KENTUCKY GOLD 13 (D.6.5) Mrs. L Williamson 16-10-4 Mr D Shentock 8 666P WELLE WANNABE 18 (S) M Chapman 8-10-0 W Workhalplun 9 302P RUBON PRINCE 131 N Mason 8-10-0 W Workhalplun 10 DPOP WICH CHAMPION 84 (8) A Carrol 7-10-0 Supple 11-4 Kentocky Gold, 7-2 Wren Warbler, 6-1 Willie Wassabe, 7-1 Blazing Storm, 8-1 Howyourloing, 16-1 Pracemaker, Thirty Below, 12-1 others.

5.30 GOLFING VENUE' STANDARD BPEN

NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,567: 1m 51/4) (14) 9-4 Crack Shot. 5-2 Obetick, 5-1 Qualitair Survivor, 7-1 Jurist, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: J Novite, 4 whosers imm 14 numers, 28 6%; C Egertun, 5 hom 19, 26,5%; Mrs M Revoloy, 23 hom 194, 22,1%. J Jahlesson, 6 hom 33, 18,7%; Mrs S Lamyman, 6 hom 35, 17,1%. A Steeler, 4 from 27, 14 6%. DCKEYS, 1 Stoball, 4 wanters from 17 ndes, 23,6%, A Magume, 11 hom 50, 22,0%; Mr H Maughton, 3 hom 21, 14,3%; R Wilkinson, 3 from 28, 10 7%; A S Smith, 14 from 137, 10,2%. Only qualifiers.

** WARNIEK

ROB WRIGHT 2.00 Layan 3.35 La Tiziana 4.15 Mancala 2.30 Barringer 4.50 Granny's Pet 3.00 Port Meadow 5.20 Kram GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS **ORAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS 8EST** 2.00 SUNRISE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,881: 5f) (10 runners)

4-1 Cotton House, Layer, 9-2 Diamond Promise, 5-1 Kithrannen Sound, 7-1 Bravo Turo Zero, 8-1 Scotlime, 12-1 Xcaret, 14-1 others.

2.30 EASTER EGG MADDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,762: 5f) (8)

BARRINGER M Cizanion 9-0 A Mackey (
BLUEGRASS MOUNTAIN 1 Easterby 9-0 X Darley (
BROTHER TOM Fears 6-0 PLappin (
LINCOLIN DANCER G Lewis 9-0 No Dean McKeowa (
MARON 3 Berry 9-0 Dean McKeowa (
BLUE VELVET K hory 8-9 C Catles (7) (
SLAND PROMOESS D Essentis 8-9 X J O'Connor (
WORTH THE RISK 8 Meehan 8-9 X J O'Connor (11-4 Maron, 4-1 Barringer, 9-2 Brother forn, 6-1 Linacoln Dancar, Worth The Risk, 7-1 Blueg 2ss Mourtain, 10-1 Istand Princess, 25-1 Blue Vehral.

3.00 SPRING HANOICAP (3-Y-0: £2,881: 1m 2f 169yd) (12)

5-2 Part Meadow, 11-4 Asheam, 7-1 Gold Honox, To The Lest Maro, 16-1 O's Mag-ic, 12-1 March Party, Skylidy Dusty, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANCES, R Charleon, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; B Hanbury, 3 hain 11, 27,3%, bits N Macaulley, 3 from 12, 25,0%; P Maldin, 7 from 30, 23,3%; J Pearce, 6 from 30, 20,0%; P Celle, 12 from 61, 19,7% JOCKEYS J 6 Smeth. 3 winners from 15 rides, 20 0%; J Stack, 3 hom 21, 14.3%; T Sprake, 14 from 103, 13 6%; A Clark, 7 hom 55, 12.7%; M Teb-butt. 3 from 25, 12.0%; R Harrin, 5 from 44, 11.4%.

3.35 BLOOMING HANDICAP (£4,240: 1m 2f 169yd) (19)

6-2 Primary Colours, 5-1 Swift, 7-1 Master Caster, 8-1 Hammony Hall, 16-1 Gone For A Burton, Sea Danzig, 12-1 La Tizasna, Majestic, 14-1 others.

4.15 WARWICK CARNIVAL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,758: 1m 4f 115yd) (8)

7-4 Luz Bay, 9-2 Turtle Valley, Mancata, 7-1 Little Henry Alama's Cavaller, 16-1 Coral Resi, 72-1 Amsara, 20-1 Adora's Dream.

4.50 WEST MIOLANDS CONOITIONS STAKES (£5,634: 7f) (7)

2-1 Jo Meil, 7-2 Warnington O. 4-1 Cretan Gift, 5-1 Granny's Pet. 8-1 Ghallo, 12-1 Late Might Out. 20-1 As En Provence.

5.20 EASTER HANDICAP (£3,052: 50) (18)

1 806- FAUTE DE MIEUX 294 (7) J 6 Smyth-Osbourne 4-9-11 4 213 DANCING MYSTERY 170 (BF,D,F,G) E Wissels 5-9-2

5 500 TUSCAN DREAM 175 J Burry 4-9-1 ... Coarson (5) 10

5 500 TUSCAN DREAM 175 J Burry 4-9-1 ... K Darriey 6

6 1113 SUTONIAN 40 (BF,D) P Felgute 6-9-0 ... J 6 Smith (3) 11

7 -325 GRASS (ANDK 47 (D) A Newcorde 3-9-0 ... A Mackey 1

8 05-0 GRACE 7 (S) J Bradley 5-9-0 ... 1 Sprate 2

9 0106 CAMEO 9 (V,D) M Chamor 4-8-11 ... P. Cleany (7) 8

10 ,QO-BALA 181 N Berry 4-8-10 ... N Catalie 1

11 536. CMAKRA 182 (CO,F,G) J Bradley 5-8-1 ... Caline Bryan (7) 14

12 1-80 PRESS ANEAD 45 8 Michalton 4-8-6 ... Caline Bryan (7) 14

13 224 LEGAL VENTURE 14 (B,D,P) H Ultomotic 3-8-4 ... A Poll (3) 12

15 0-56 SUPERLAD 5 (D,F,S) J Bradley 7-8-1 ... R Bristand (7) 17

16 0000 GONIG PLACES 5 (B,D,S) N burry 4-8-0 ... C Casin (7) 15

17 00-0 HIGH DOMAN 5 (D,E,S) J Spearing 8-7-11 ... S Rightson 3

10 00-0 MAKAPHI OON 68 (D,F) S Bowring 4-7-10 ... C Cogan (7) 10

7-2 Darburg Mystery, 13-2 Tuscan Olsen, 7-1 Sotonian 18-1 Grasslandk For-7-2 Donoing Mystery, 13-2 Tuscan Olean, 7-1 Solonian, 16-1 Grasslandii, Forgates Times, 12-1 Faute De Misux, Kram, Polar Mist, 14-1 others

NEWCASTLE

ROB WRIGHT

3.50 Catriona

4.25 Fnan 5.00 impulsive Air (nb)

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) ORAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 Fez

2.50 Mungo Park 3.20 Persian Fayre

2.15 BEST MUSIC METRO FM NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,048: 5f) (9 runners) 2 CHRO 10 (D.S.) I Sembuck 1 L. Hante 9-0 R. Wingston (3) 32
BEST MILISC METROPM IC Castley D Edity 8-12 R. Fiz2-pericle (5) —
GATTH POOL Lord Micrariu J Setty 8-12 T. Wester
5 MASTER FAX 5 IMA. Hiller I M Channon B-12 T. Cunn 34
RATHCLOENEENDANCER 16 IC Dalloy h Rynn 8-12 A. McCarthy I3) 10
BEBE DIC CHAM (Lovely Bubbly Racing) J Eye 8-7 C. Lovether
FZ (But of Busingson) M Jehrston 8-7
GE (Busingson) M Jehrston 8-7
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SETTRIB: 3-1 Garth Pool. 4-1 Fez. 9-2 Chiko. 5-1 Rathchogheendancer, 8-1 Macias Fay, 16-1 Bebe de Chom, Forest Queen, 14-7 others. 1998. PAINCIPALITY 8-12 K Darley (4-9 tav) J Berry 6 ran

Chiko already has a win on the board after landing a seller at Domcaster (holds fourth-placed Rathiclogheendancer), but is timely to overcome in a lith penalty waster fay appeared to show a smilet amount of ability when under sit tith of none to First Blood in a non-seller at Folketione. He may shuggle to contain the Manual Johnston-trained debutant FEZ, whose site, Mutahid, was, a very smart juverile (winning the July Stakes and Gmorack Stakes) and has made a good start to his studicareer. Jack Berry's youngsters always cummand respect and Garth Poot, a Sir Pelain hell-brother to a 10th winner will know his job

2.50 GNER HANDICAP

C4 (£3,648: 5f) (14 runners) (£3,648: 51) (14 FIRTHERS)

1 (9) 06223- CALIDA COLUNA 166 (D.F.G.S.) (M.F.by.) M. Crumon 5-10-0. T. Outon 88.
2 (1) 05630- MUNISO PARIX 6 (CD.F.G.S.) (M.F. H. Carl M. Dodz. 5-9-12. J. Wester 90.
3 (2) 145-00 PIGEON 10 (D.F.G.S.) (D. Bartes I.D. Baiter 4-6-11. T. Wester 90.
4 (4) 8003-0 QORCTSKI D. (D.F.G.S.) (P. Savili, N. Halles 6-0-5. J. Carroll 160.
5 (3) 20004- ZURARR 176 (P) (Estorenap Parmership) D. Nicholta 6-9-5. P. Clarke (7) 167.
6 (10) 10003- D'MARTR 154 (D.S.) (S. Savili, N. Halles 6-0-5. P. Clarke (7) 167.
6 (10) 4003-D'MARTR 154 (D.S.) (S. Savili, N. Westerby 3-8-10. T. Lucas 74.
6 (11) 5016-4 MOET 28 (G. (Max. K. Watcon) J. Eye. 4-8-7. Acultinane 31.
9 (5) 65630- STATTOYORK 193 (D.F.) (Sabrizot Racrog) (C. Shaw 6-8-6. R. Winston (3). 91.
10 (14) 0523-0 SWEET MAGC 68 (T.D.F.G.S.) (J. Lloyo-Laines 8-8-3. Kimbertey Hart (5). 93.
11 (8) 04650- MILL END OLUEST 166 (D.G.) (V. Allgood) M. W. Escherby 4-8-2. (B. Parkin 12. (12) 0250-0 SEALED BY FATE D.(B.) (N. Harricon) J. Warmergil 4-7-13. J. Michaeley (7). 83.
13 (5) 211300 MIRARRAB 8 (D.(3) (A. Miracon) J. Warmergil 4-7-13. J. Michaeley (7). 83.
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8ETTMAR: 9-2 S.M. Colloge, 7-1 Sweet Mage, 8-1 Go ot kil. Zuhas. Statyoni, 10-1 Cauda Equina, Mungo. Park, Piggy Birk, Mort, Mularabit, 12-1 others.

1998 MUNSO PARK 4-9-4 J Fortune (7-2) Mrs J Ramsden 6 ran

Cauda Equina was a decent fourth in this race lact year and with his stable in form is capable of a bold show. He rai well in 19th but he stable in form is capable of a bold show. He rai well off this mais feet on his final taint tail Jern 160 health Blushing Grenarder Mungo Park won this 12 months ago when named by Mirs Ramsden but must run oil a 19th higher mark and dut not life over course and distance less Tuesday. However, GORETSM, who linished a short-head is knott of him, ran as if the outing would put him spot on Nigel Tinkler's tough say-year-old, a four-time store at his ship last term, has returned to a winning mark. Sit Codage had low and half fengits in hand of Goretski but was fit from an All-Weather campaign and may well not confirm the form. Zukari is more interesting on his first start for David Micholis. He was bought out of Donald McCain's yard for 11,000 gris, after Inviting Jourth to Nicholiti's Sthalt on Wolverhampton's sand (61) last October.

3.20 JBHN BARRAS HANDICAP

(£3,778; 7f) (17 runners)

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BETTING: 13-2 Matadetie, 8-1 Tiles, Sulleyman, Breakin Even, 10-1 Peoplait, Redoubtable, Freedom Quest, Cumbrian Caruso, Cool Prospect, 12-1 pitters. 1998, MAGIC MILL 5-9-2 1 Williams (14-1) J Eyre 11 ran

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The interesting runne is Suleymen, who makes his depict to David Nicholis. He best effects lest season came on the Alf-Weighler, opening
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is not a model of consistency but the 65 oily 20 higher flam when me length third in Classy Oleo a Residuate (60) on his
fired start lest Season. He is up to winned jurn the mark over this longer only Poppelat was leaving lest just that chool
senving Depart Michael Season. He is not be sufficient and is closely marked denote to a 3th public flam and the surface of the surface o

3.50 TYNE & WEAR METRO MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-0: £3,631: 1m) (6 runners)

Royal Rebel, whose efforts last term nocluded a fourth to Mos-film the group one Alaboral Shakes at the Curragh, stands out on torm — but that was also the case at Deccaster 11 days ago when, having been sent of a wern warrounte, he was fathered to fisch 3'v5's third to Tobarech Given that he will stant at prohibitive odds again today be might be worth opposing with RAMIL, John Durtop's charge beat only one other horse in his races at Ascol and Newbory (behind Boatman) last term but in stapes with promise and hister that he would not see the best of him until this season. Catriona, the only other to have seen the racecourse, showed clear signs of ability on he debut at Newmarkel, behind Mousthey, and should account for the newcomers. 1996 ETHEREAL 9-0 6 Holland (S-2) 6 Loder (Fr) 6 rad

4.25 SARAH JANE ANDERSON MAIDEN STAKES

(£3,599: 1m 4f 93yd) (9 runners)

1998: ALL MADE UP 3-8-6 M Roberts (5-4 law) M Bell 5 rac John Danlop has made a quick start to his season and FNAN should land his double. From has start to his season and FNAN should land his double. From has starning in his pedigree and it is no surprise to see him being sent over this trig after being unable to get into the argument in the Doncacter handicap [1 m2] won by Kingston Venture. Municipal showed some promise until bulling quickly 20 cut in a kempton maiden (71). He has not been seen since but, after going through the sales at 11.000 gns, has returned to Ben Hambury. Well-bred Enborne, from the family of Kirs and 6 feets, has shown good form in bumpers, withining in Newcaster Lanuary, the never op into the Chatenfrom Bomper and his temperament is beginning to foot suspect. Doonaren is a Sadler's Wells brother to winning hudder Rosencrantz, while Pancake Wood is a son of Saddler's Hall from a winner-producing family on the Flat and over huddes.

5.00 EASY FAVOURITES MAGIC 1152 HANDICAP

(£2,750· 1m) (18 липпетs)

BETTING: 5-1 Rambo Waltzer, 11-2 Dancing Lawyer 7-1 Almazhor, Jobeseen, 16-1 Celestaal Welcome, Am ron, Genius, 12-1 others.

David Nicholls was determined that should sand specialist Rambo Waltzer be in good shape after bading his first furl win for two years at Cafferick (7t) last Wednesday, the horse would head here. Even with his 6th penalty Pambo Waltzer books capable of delying this mark on fur. However, JUBERIEEN could be the one racing oil a mark 3t to below his fatest run on the sand. He is not as good on furf but his fast success on it came off a mark 9th higher than foday. On his fast sand run he was third to King Pram at Southwell (1m), which gives him the definite edge over Dancing Lawyer, 6th off King Pram when third in the ladies tandcapat boncaster (1m2). A good atternative is Celestial Welcome who was in great heart last spring, winning her first four starts, the taxest, at Redear last May, horn just a 3th lower mark. She was then rested for there months and failed to show her oil spatish, it reheasted will make a bold but Almazhar was three-quarters of a length ahead of Shomatine (below par at Wolverhampton since) when second to Without Friends at Southwell (1m) and now enjoys a 5th pull

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RACING: INJURY TO BIONIC LEAVES MOIAVA AS FAVOURITE FOR 1,000 GUINEAS

Head girl leads class of '99

IT IS tempting to detect an ad-monishment for ante-post punters in a week of classic trials which begins in France on Friday with the Prix Imprudence. Moiava will go to Maisons-Laffitte to defend favouritism for the Sagitta 1,000 Guineas, though the sad fact - indeed, in the case of Bint Allayl, the tragic fact - is that she would fare better than the fillies who have surrendered that status merely by getting down to the start.

Bionic, promoted to favourite after the cruel loss of Bint Allayl, has in turn been scratched from the betting after pulling up lame during exercise on Saturday morning. Henry Cecil fears that she may have sustained a minor fracture of her pelvis, rendering her idle for around a dozen weeks. This would be an unworthy blow to a trainer whose genius was already being vexed by her fragile feet.

Though rated by Kieren Fal-Ion as gifted a juvenile filly as he has ridden, Bionic has been restricted by various problems to just one public appearance. when sprinting away with a maiden last Goodwood summer.

The Tote now hands the poisoned chalice to Moiava, who is 5-I favourite. Criquette Head, her trainer, has a fine record in the 1,000 Guineas and was adamant, after Juvenia scrambled home in the Prix Marcel Boussac on Arc day, that she preferred the



Bering filly made all in two races, on extremes of ground, over the Prix Imprudence course and distance last autumn.

She will be confronted in her dress rehearsal by Blue Cloud, trained by André Fabre and something of a springer in the market in recent days. Blue Cloud, a Nashwan halfsister to the top-class Bigstone. finished fast when third in the

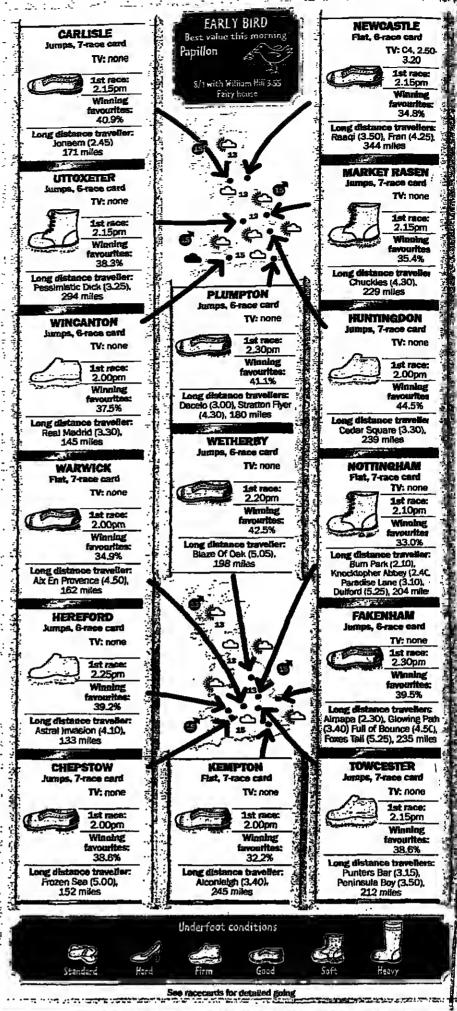
ing to succumb to the air of Marcel Boussac. The Tote's 7-1 second favourdoom pervading the leading ite is Etizaaz, who looked an ladies in the classic picture.

No firm pecking order will be established, anyway, until its own discreet trials at Nad al Sheba this weekend. Sunspangled, game winner of the Ascot Fillies Mile for Aidan O'Brien, is quoted next at 9-1, followed at 10-1 by Blue Cloud.

Epsom, rather than Newmarket, was the classic venue on John Dunlop's mind after Claxon beat her stablemate, Alabag, in the Milcars Masaka Stakes at Kempton on Saturday. The Arundel trainer, whose horses have begun the new season in such terrific form, will step Claxon up to ten furlongs for a Vodasone Oaks trial. Mujahid, his Saginta 2000 Guineas favourite. heads for the City Index Craven Stakes at Newmarket next week, unless diverted to the Greenham Stakes at New-

bury by fast ground. On the same Kempton card, Glamis preserved John Gosden's Vodafone Derby ambitions by contributing to a treble for Frankie Dettori. The Italian is showing renewed purpose in trying to wrest back the championship from Fallon, though the most impressive declaration of intent has come from Richard Quinn.

Four winners at Haydock sustained his flying start as a freelance, after a long association with Paul Cole. Quinn is openly advising Fallon to look to his laurels, but his credentials, not to mention those of Dettori and even Jimmy Fortune, have not yet deceived bookmakers that there is a title race worth pricing up.



KENPTON PARKS NES

2.00 Oriental

2.35 To The Roof

3.40 PANTAR (nap) 4.10 Easter Ogil 4.45 Stormy Skye

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.40 SUPREME SOUND. Our Newmarket correspondent: 2.00 ORIENTAL (nan).

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GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD.BF,F,G,S) (Mrs O Robinson) B Hall ...

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2.00 flat season membership for £105 maiden stakes (Div I: £3,225: 7f) (13 runners)

106 62 O- GRAND SUMBET 190 (A) Lackson (Brootstack Ltd) O Remork 3-8-11 M Pulland (3) 107 107 107 108 117 0 O- LEGAU, SET 157 (L lidersy-Fry) C Horgan 3-8-11 M Pulland (3) 170 108 117 0 O Pender 177 0 M Pulland 177 0 O Pender 178 0

1988: QUEEN OF SCOTLAND 3-8-6 Cardy Monts (10-1) M Channot 12 ran A trappy operer tritt lev racecurse clues to act on. Luzenn, a notable booling for crack French rider Officier Pession, boasts the best form and stread find a race polyged on his three elforts in maidens last year, the pick being a length third to Undeterned and Intimus at Yamouth (60) in August. Eight (10th of 15 in the York maiden (61) won by Stamboring), Grand Souwel (highly tried on his deted bothird Mutarelff at Ascot (71), and Legal Set (showed promise his two starts in Neurourhet maidens) are also clearly not without ability, but this may well go to one of the five neuromes. Of the quinted, the John Gosden-trained ORIENTAL makes most appeal. An Incition realf-nother in three winners, including the useful miler Yeas, he respressints a stocke feat elicited into goer on Satarday with the Kernpton shrikes of Glamis and Tachiu Remark, Serdal, by Guich but already gelded, and Ed Dunlop's Cuitle incredible are ones to watch in the betting.

2.35 QUAIL CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,671: 67) (9) 201 (4) 0310-0 ASTRIAC 17 (D.F.S.) (1 Beecraft) D Nicholls 8-9-7 Alex Grouves 102
202 (1) 03144- KUMAAT 161 (D.G.S.) (M.J. Matthourt) E Dunlop 5-9-7 R (180s 118
203 (2) 5030-3 ALWAYS AUGHT 9 0.F.S.) (A Memma-Cooker) K Burke 5-9-5 K R 180s 194
204 (3) 09-145 SULD EFFORT 23 (D.G.D.F.S.) (A Rickord) K Countington-Deem 7-9-2 R Cookerse 1829
205 (6) 06304- BRANE EIGE 164 (C.D.F.G.) (Horns Vale Racing) R Hancon 0-9-2 Patt Eddiny 116
207 (9) 10905- CASTAIL BULET 230 (L.D.F.G.S.) (Deem) N (Limmoton 7-9-2 T. G. Bitcl.aughtin 116
207 (9) 10905- HAL, MAGEI 281 (D.F.G.S.) (Mar.) P Harris 7-9-2 L. Denton 122
209 (5) 54030- LENNELLE 208 (F.S.) (Mar.) P Harris 7-9-2 L. Denton 122
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BETTING: 3-1 Brane Edgs, 4-1 To The Rod, 6-1 Kensid, 7-1 Always ARght, Capital Bial, 6-1 Assac, 10-1 others

1998: ANDREYEV 4-9-9 R Highes (10-3) R Hermon 6 ram

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3.05 MAGNOLIA STAKES (LISTED) (£13,680: 1m 2f) (8) 301 (4) 23130- DOWER HOUSE 266 (D.F.G) (Lord H De Waldern) W Jarvis 4-8-11 ____ J. Red 110
302 (3) B1- DYNAMISM 313 (D.G) (M & C Griffites) Mrs. L Snebs 4-8-11 ___ L Destort 67
303 (2) 0200-5 FOR VALOUR B (D.G.S) (A Richards K Contemplator-Brown 6-8-11 D Pesiler 13
304 (7) 12222- GENERIOUS ROSS 156 (BFD.D.) (W Said) J. Durino 4-8-11 ____ Frailton 128
305 (5) 213-07- MANTAFEL 205 (D.F.G) (Bibls J. Jeristra 5-8-11 _____ Frailton 129
306 (6) 70355- BRYAL AMARETTO 251 (L.D.F.G) (Harberts Psin) B Medica 5-8-11 Pst Entery 129
307 (1) 104/5- SHAYA 234 (D.G) AM Wanterly (S Bravery 5-8-11 _____ M Hibs 30
308 (6) 62-500 DAMKOND WHITE 16 (D.F.S) (P South M Pren 4-8-6 _____ R Price 122 BETTING: 7-4 Generus Roel, 4-1 Muthalel, 9-2 Dower House, Royal Amaretio, 14-1 others. 1998: GARUDA 4-6-11 Pat Eddery (3-1 Jl law) J Dumlop 6 ran

1936: GARIDIA 4-6-11 Part Eddery (3-1) It and J Dandop 6 ran
Early skormishes this new season suggest John Dunlop and Briant Meetian have their horses well lonnerd and in line lettle and
the two look to saddle the chief protagonists here in GENERon last July, the lour-year-old had the institution of in finding one loop good on each of his other sewin
starts test year, most recently at Headquariers when going down by a length to his full crother Generous Libra. Royal Amaretto, a winers on his usoppearance in 1997, tailed to add to his fally in lour
starts test season, but showed that he releares plenty of ability when third, beaden two lengths by Happy
Valentine, in the Used Galla States over course and distance in July. Munitariet, controversally dequalifield after passing the post Risk th at 20-runner Domaster handicap (imab) is September, is a Bleable
sort but it as more on now in this company. Dower House, absent since disappointing test July, would
not be far away if back to the form that saw him with an Epsom handicap off a mark of 95 last June.



3.40 CORAL ROSEBERY HANDICAP (SHOWCASE PAGE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£21,885: 1m 2f) (20)

AND TUTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£21,885: 1m 2l) (20)

401 | 1300-1 SUPREME SOUND 16 (D.F.G) (Airs P Hants) P Hants 5-10-0 __G Bardwell (19)
402 | 11202- ROKERY BOWL 172 (D.F.G) (Airs P Hants) P Hants 5-10-0 __G Bardwell (19)
403 | 143 | 30603- P ANTAR 184 (G) (F Haching) | Badding 4-10-0 __A | K Falon 102
404 | 15 | 34611- MONSALEN 159 (D.5) (K Sattan) E Dowlop 4-9-9 ________ Paid
405 | 4 | 2002- CARRY THE FLAG 274 (F.G) (F Bard) P Cole 4-9-6 ________ Falon 104
405 | 4 | 2002- CARRY THE FLAG 274 (F.G) (F Bard) P Cole 4-9-6 ________ Falon 104
405 | 4 | 2002- CARRY THE FLAG 274 (F.G) (F Bard) P Cole 4-9-6 ________ Falon 104
407 | 4 | 40331- MAJDICAL STAR 217 (D.F.S) (All Winschope) J Falones 4-9-5 .R Cochanne 104
407 | 4 | 2000- REPARD HERBITS 214 (F.G.P) (M Sanotech) M Sanotech 4-9-5 .R Cochanne 105
409 | 177 | 2000- RECORD 153 (R.G.S.) (M Sanotech) M Sanotech 4-9-5 .R Cochanne 105
410 | 177 | 2000- RECORD 152 (R.G.S.) (M Sanotech) M Sanotech 4-9-5 .R Cochanne 105
411 | 13 | 16256- REFATURITION 162 (D.F.G.) (M Sanotech) M Sanotech 4-9-6 .R Debtor 104
415 | 17 | 10000- REPAR REST 33 (M F.G.S.) (M Rabertin Philips) (Lay Hories 4-9-0 P One (3) (T L.G.S.) (M Rabertin Philips) (Lay Hories 4-9-0 P One (3) (T L.G.S.) (M Rabertin Philips) (Lay Hories 4-9-1 P One (3) (T L.G.S.) (T L.

intriguing prospect as a juve-

nile, even before her recruit-

ment for a winter in the desert.

Godolphin has denied sugges-

tions that she, too, is threaten-

1998: AMERICAN WIESPER 4-8-9 C Louder (12-1) P Harts 16 cm 1998; AMERICAN WESPER 4-8-9 C Lowler (12-1) P Hards 16 can
Rokuby Bowt, 2th Ingher Ban when signing off with a neck
second to Rainbow Wass at Neumanted (1m 47) less October,
and Cambridgeshire Band P Bantar give Ian Badding a strong
frand, but this may bell to John Declop and SDMAYDA (1984). A winner first bate and last year, sesanind problems restricted bitm to just here further starts, including a two-longth hosting of Lonesome
Dude at Goodwood (1m 17) to September. He remains open to improvement and is larry weighted hate
on a 6th bigher near. Further Challook, placed being for Avenda Perrell last year, gave a bold showing
in finishing 11th of 24 in the Lincolar (irm) on his clearly to Devict Albertals but any be better at their
shorter trip, white Lingfield Winter Detty vactor Supreme Sound will do well to day impregnit (mark
of 102) on this switch hack to hart. Emerated Heighter, gaided and tresheed up after lossing has way lest
year, and the fightly-read and unsupseed Heudelin (frankle Detty) boolest) are betweening contenders, white Monsajum ended last year in terrific form (completed double when trutting up in J 0-85 rated status) and carmot be rated out off looky's mark (37).

4.10 TRAVELLING THE TURF 'RACECOURSE OF THE YEAR HANDICAP (£4,572: 6f) (23)

A1010 - FAMILY MAN 1711 (BEF): \$5 (Samp) Man Pinky 1 Function 8-9-18 8 Cochons 91 2210-0 ESCITER GEL 10 (MEF.5) (C Smart) Indicates 4-8-10 ... R Profess 42200- TADISTE 254 (6) (C Smart) Indicates 4-9-8 Man General 91 0000-9 DOUBLE OSCAR 10 (07.55) (Tabley Recing) 0 Michaels 4-9-8 Man General 91 0000-9 PRISSIDE FOR LETE 281 (07.15) (Casking Monthes) 1 Andreas 4-9-8 Man General 92 12000- DELTA SOLEAL 295 (07.65) (Armirant Chartel) V South 7-9-5 ... M Profess 51 12000- DELTA SOLEAL 295 (07.65) (Armirant Chartel) V South 7-9-5 ... M Profess 51 12000- DELTA SOLEAL 295 (07.65) (Armirant Chartel) V South 7-9-5 ... M Profess 52 ... M Profess 51 12000- DELTA SOLEAL 295 (07.65) (Armirant Chartel) V South 7-9-5 ... M Profess 52 ... M P

BETTANC: O-1 Exper Opil, 7-1 Twice As Sharp, Passion For Life, 8-1 Deep Space, 16-1 Double Oscar. Alpen Wolf, 12-1 Family Max, RGIIL 14-1 others. 1998: MARSAD 4-9-3 7 Opinn (12-1) J Alzebust 24 ram A strictle to high claw looks essential here, especially as Payson For Ute (starm 25). Altern Wolf (22), Twice As Sharp (20) and Delta Soleil (17) twanteby tile to bowt along in front on help force the pace. A strong-ran of its ideal for FBFFF, who likes to pourse from off the pace, and he is deal for FBFFF, who likes to pourse from off the pace, and he is stream to late advantage. He held this form with last season and ran right up to his best when services to SRCa Blanca at Linguistic (77) on his takest appearance. Deep Space is teared most, the remains relatively unexposed and is only 5th higher than when winning with something to spare at thewreafted (87) in August. Easter Cigil never lended a blow on his return at Doncaster and would prefer a stiffer list over this righ, while Alpon Wolf (in great heart in the second ball of last term) and hoop Dawn (tough and consistent) and Comparadore (inconsistent) look transferaged up to their best, Family Main has a smart turn of fool but drops in distance. Jurent looks the pick of the remainder.

 4.45° Be an annual member for 28 per day maiden stakes (3-Y-0: £3.664: 1m 3f 30yd) (13)

(3-Y-U: £3.064: 1m 3f 30)rd) (13)

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1998: RAFFAELLO O-O R Hughes (15-8 lav) M Charmon D ras 1998: RAFFAELLO 0-0 R Highes (15-8 ke) M Charmon D day

KONDOTY ran respectably when placed in maiders last term
and is thatly to refer this step up in distance. Mick Charmon's
charge just tailed to pep back Juno Marlowe on this debut at
Rempton (71) test August (swhick) loses having been taxmered at halfway) and was agen down all his
best work at the finish when third to Best All at Chepston (71) the following month. Direct Deal finished
under han lengths third to Senure on his debut at Leicester (71) in October and, with Noran Falton in
the saddle, is bound to prove a popular choice. Through The Rye showed enough— at Acout and
Neumarket respectively— to suggest he wife the winning races this term, atthough his locks a less likelier stayer than the selection. Stormy Skye looked short of speed last season, while Challenges, a
well-basien blind to Turasth at Ooncaster (1m 21) clearly has his bioritations. Coogan, a Caerleon coli
who is a half-brother to group three winner Gand Platsh, looks the most interesting of the newcomers.

5.20 FLAT SEASON MEMBERSHIP FOR \$195" MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,209: 7f) (12)

C3,209: 71) (12)

OF GOLD MILLERUM 681 (Mrs. L. Horgan) C. Horgan 5-9-11 R. Hashes - REACHFURYOURPOCKET (8 Fry. & 4 Hall) K. Marké 4-9-11 R. Price - SORGER PRINCE 172 (8 Michaelson & 0 Alpord I Balding 3-8-11 Marin Dayler 63 DANE FREENOLY (1. Gascot) P. Classock-Heran 5-8-11 J. Forgan - D-890 OF STORY 174 Right Seat Dith R. Hasson 3-8-11 Dane 0 Price 6 NOTTINE Rightsine Entropytheel Riching Little 6 Lents 3-8-11 J. Rodd - NOTTINE Rightsine Entropytheel Riching 18-11 T. G. McLaughtin 50-00-RED APOLLO 140 (5 Harmond A Stewart 3-8-11 T. G. McLaughtin 50-00-RED APOLLO 140 (5 Harmond A Stewart 3-8-11 T. G. McLaughtin 50-00-RED APOLLO 140 (5 Harmond A Stewart 3-8-11 T. G. McLaughtin 50-00-RED APOLLO 140 (5 Harmond A Stewart 3-8-11 T. G. McLaughtin 50-00-RED APOLLO 140 (5 Harmond A Stewart 3-8-11 T. G. McLaughtin 50-00-RED APOLLO 140 (5 Harmond A Stewart 3-8-11 T. G. McLaughtin 50-00-REDERTIC 15 Price (1 Francis 1 Control 1 Richard 1 Response 1 Richard 1 Rich

1998: OUEBN OF SCOTLAND 5-8-6 Cardy Mone; (10-1) M Channon 12 ran

Dane Friendly, a Danehill colt out of a group three whome at 121, and Rescritionyoutproduct, a son of Royal Academy who is a loft brither to whome mile Dance Academy, are among the operance to note in the market, but it might pay to side with experience and SCHAPRISE ENCOUNTER. He belied odds of 100-1 when a creditable tenth, of 26, to Marken at Neymarket in September — finishing just a neck behind Dehoush (winner of a listed prize here on Saturday).

COURSE SPECIALISTS N Uthroden
P Chapple-Hyam
K McAulthu
Sir M Stoole
J Bradley
J Fanshawe

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Haydock Park Going: soft (good to soft in places) 1.50 1, Semmen (8-13 fee); 2, Roise A Prince (6-2); 3, Marciani (8-1) 4 rgn, NR Traveling Clock. 2.00 1, Coolibert (7-1); 2, Shayo (5-2 tev); 3, Cugins (14-1), 9 ran. 2.30 1, large Lake (5-1); 2, Henry Hell (11-1); 3, Dameds (5-1), Perugino Bay 2-1 tax, 7 ran. 3.30 1, Nowbern To Exit (4-1 p-lay); 2, Mouseholdes (4-1 y-lay); 3, Latie Peppin (20-1), 9 san.

Kempton Park Golog: good (good to firm in places) 2.05 1, Ma Yoram (5-6 in/); 2, Coco de Mer (10-1); 3, Sassand Boy (12-1), 10 ran. 2.40 1, Glacols (11-10 fev. Threelmeper's top miling); 2, Peace Ol Mind (100-30), 3, J R Serversion (5-1), 5 fen. 3.10 I, Candinings (6-1); Z, Ransan (7-1), Alastair Smelle (10-1). Kuwait Thunder 11-4 fev. 14 ran.

4.10 1, Dehoush (10-1): 2, Walace (10-1): 3, Compton Arrow (8-1), Rasse A Grand, Tumbweed Quartet 9-2 (1-8v6, 11 ran. 4.45 1, Far Cry (7-1); 2, Praine Polcon (16-1); 3, Bridle's Pride (10-1). Spunise 11-4 lay. 12 ran.

Going: good to soil 2.15 1, Radiotion (11-2); 2, Ferdaron (4-1); 3, Bullyvaughan (12-1). Birkdale 4-8 fev. 11

1.20 1, Ardstew (14-1); 2, Pink Gin (20-1); 3, Flat Top (7-2 ke); 9 ren. 3.50 1, Jesselbe (15-2); 2, Apollo's Daughter (35-1); 3, My Shemmedosh (11-2). The Next Watz 4-1 kev. 11 ren. Next York 4-1 sey, 11 sey, 4-1 sey, 4-20 1, Starris Your Mises (5-2 ley); 2, Perf-tands Flyer (6-1); 3, Starriscoph (5-1), 14 sex, NP: Craigary, 4-13; 2, Northern Union (11-1); 3, Topking Time (14-1); 4, Mascoom (12-1), Denters Gien 3-1 tay, 18 sex.

Newton Abbot

Goleg: good to soit (soft in places) 2.05 1, Anne Girl (5-2 ta/); 2, Hitsido Rose (8-1); 3, Bete Dorsmi (3-1), 13 ran, NF. Ge-rote De Ipanerra, Rise Above, See Fig. 2.35 1, Miss Serbline (33-1); 2, Sendorar (20-1); 3, Demo Course (2-1 lav); 4, Long stone Lad (6-1). 16 ren. 3.05 1. Groevenor (7-2); 2. Miss Distri (12-1); 3. Well Timed (18-1). Alavatic 2-1 lav. 9 ran. NR; Moorland Highliyer. 3.35 1, Castle Secret (18-1), 2, Sweet Glow (4-7 lay); 3, The Minder (12-1), 15 rars. NR: Tylo Steamer NRT Tylo Steamer
4.05 1. Hold Your Reinku (4-1), 2. Galland
Taffy (6-1): 3. Persen Tactics (40-1). Minetal
Derby 7-4 fav 12 ran NR. Dacelo, Man-amour, Meter Oddy, Shedhwan,
4.35 1, Mr Perfects (5-4 tav), 2. Mystik Day
(4-1): 3. Falson Ridge (100/30), 5 ran, NRI
Nrisi O Three, Optimizity Thinker, Pharly
Reel, Thunderpown, Wayterers Way,
5.10 1. Shewet Easer US-1:12.6 Actimat Dace Red, Thurderpoors, Wayterers Way, 5-10 1, Stand Easy (25-1); 2, Activité Rose (5-1); Juliés S. Leadre 2-1 lav 12 ran, NR, Frosty Belle, Grandpa Maurice, Happing, Siver Pot Black 5-40 1, Tom Cobbler (7-2), 2, Festivel Leader 112-1), 3, its All Good Fun (100-30 lav), 14 ran, NR, Exobo Profiles, Native Trump. Plumpton

Going: good to soit (good in places) 2.10 1, Golden Fren (7-2); 2, Green Jack-el (25-1), 3, Memory's Music (10-1), Ourham 5-2 (av. 14 ran. NR: Indination 2.45 1, Jazzmen (3-1), 2, Chicoden (4-1), 3, Back Spring (50-1) Nordic Bresce 5-4 ## 4.15 1. Arburo (5-1). 2. Demostrie (14-1). 3. Melling (5-1) Total Joy 9-4 lav. 11 ran 4.50 1. Nouvestur Cheval (9-4 g-lav). 2. Johnstons Art (7-1). 3. Hish Option (20-1) Dirty Dozen 9-4 g-lav. 14 ran Towcester

Going: good to firm 2.20 1. Look Sharper (100-30), 2, Sr Lun-chalot (12-1); 3, Give Me Space (12-1) Tricky Travor 11-4 fav 10 ran. 2.55 1, Deams (9-4 f-lav), 2, Mr Snaggle (9-4 f-lav); 3, Black Statement (12-1), 5 ran. NR Spanish Light. Nit Spanish Light.
3.25 1, Tee Cee Key (9-1), 2, Liniathen (4-5 iav), 3, Master Crusader (25-1) 5 rar:
3.55 1, Massier Crusader (25-1) 5 rar:
3.55 1, Massier G. 3-1 (1-4x/1; 2, Deriv. Romance (11-2), 3, Sheles (9-1) Homme De Fer 3-1 (1-4x/1) 8 rar:
4.25 1, Carley Lad (9-1); 2, Liver Bird (6-1); 3, Capentway (6-1). Salmon Breeze 15-8 fav. 10 ran. 5.00 1. The Good Knight (12-1), 2. Slav Lucky (11-1), 3. Justice Alche (16-1). Bal Strong 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NF: Caldistrus. 5.30 1, Blue Royal (4-11 lav), 2, Purple Ace (12-1); J. Mellon Mede (20-1) 10 ran

ROB WRIGHT 4.15 Ballyalifa Castle 4.50 Grange Court 2,30 Albemine 3.05 Verde Luna

3.40 Kingsdown Trix 5.25 Inner Light Carl Evans: 3.05 Verde Luna. 4.15 Cracking Idea. GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) 2.30 GRAHAM BUILDING SUPPLIES SELLING

HANDICAP HUTDLE (£1,812: 2m) (13 runners) 1 FIDS ALBEIGNE 12 (R.D.F.G.) A Justes 10-12-0 ... Mark Strills (7)
2 4463 ALMAPA 19 (D.P.) R Hodges 7-11-13 ... P Hodge
3 - ODP MARCHART BRIEG M. (B.D.G.S.) R Albernder 7-11-12 ... R Bandley
4 PPUD KOATHARY 111 (B) A R Harwy 0-11-4 ... C Honose (7)
5 - 255 LUCY TUETY 17 (V.F.G.) G Productors 8-11-2 ... D Byrne
6 4435 HELDRES HILL 94 J L Karts 4-11-1 ... H Hobbson (7)
7 0-00 LITTLE NED 45 (CL.P.) J R Best 10-10-10 ... J Base (7)
8 0-00 JACK RESET 12 (1) D McCats 4-10-7 ... A C Coyle (S)
9 PUPO RECOKES 16 N Ryon 4-10-3 ... J Ryon
10 0056 EMERIALD VENTURE 31 (D.F.) F Coton 12-10-3 ... J Ryon
11 P-AP COASTIGLARDS HIERO 38F P Parts 0-10-0-3 ... J Leoch
12 POP- CULHARN 357 (P.) Whyte 0-10-0 ... Mr J Owen (7)
27 Lers 16 N -2 Alman 5-1 Alberton L112 Notes L18 8.3 ... Mr J Owen (7)
27 Lers 16 N -2 Alman 5-1 Alberton L112 Notes L18 8.3 ... Mr J Owen (7)

3.05 HVA HURITERS CHASE (\$2,004: 2m 51/4f) (8) 1 1201 VERDE LIBRA 13 (B.F.S) R. J. Smith 7-12-10 ... Mr. S. Joynes (5) 2 5-42 PROVAITE JET 14 (T.F.) J. A. Brown 10-12-5 ... Jik P. Micklister (7) 3 PR-P. BITTER ALDE 57F (V.S) Mr. J. Read 10-12-0 ... July 0 Cook (7) 4 03-2 C. McCaSTER BEN 17 (6) Mr. P. Berthorpe 10-12-0 ... Mr. J. Lane (7) 5 -PAS 0EVIL: 3 STING BY R. Harper 10-12-0 1-12-0 Mr. J. Mr. J. Chem. (7) 6 P/S- EDEN'S CLOSE 443P (F.G) G. Perdetellah 10-12-0 Mr. M. Karly 7 7 -USU ELROLJIK SYADOW 9 (7) 0 Mr. A. Karly 9-12-0 ... Jik W. Whiles 17 17 Mr. J. Mr 11-6 Private Jet, 4-1 Vende Lora, Chester Ben, 5-1 No Conting, 25-1 others.

7-2 Lacy Tally, 9-2 Alcoups, 5-1 Albertine, 11-2 Holenes Hill, 8-1 others.

3.40 EVENT HANDICAP HURBLE (£3,310: 2m 4f) (7) 1 2-PO EL DON 45 (D.F.S) M Rvan 7-12-0
2 5451 KINGSCOWN TRIX 13 (F.S) R J Smits 5-11-3 Mr 5 Joynes (7)
3 0030 CHARROL SSF (D.F.S) P GRISON 0-11-3 Mr 5 Joynes (7)
4 0080 CHARROL SSF (D.F.S) P GRISON 0-11-3 Mr 5 Joynes (7)
5 3P55 TANGSHAN 34 Mrs 0 Hains 5-10-0
Mark Smith (7)
5 0080 CHARSO 80 (D.F.G.S) M Basis 13-10-0
R Hobson (7)
7 65P8 FLORA DREAMSHO 12 P Hain 5-10-0
Kingdom 17, 92 Dental 18 (1)
Kingdom 17, 92 Dental 5-1 (4)
Kingdom 18, 92 Dental 18, 92 Den 7-4 Klagadown Trix, 9-2 Chaltrol, 5-1 Glowley Path, 0-T & Don, 0-1 others.

4.15 QUEEN'S CUP, AN EASTERN COUNTIES HUNTERS CHASE (£2,123: 3m 110yd) (5) 1 - FF1 10 , 10 BOY 9P (CD J. FL.S.) M Boom 10-124 Mr W Wales
2 345- CHEFFY CHAP \$23 (D.F.S.) J Dobt 14-11-12 Mr D Paratrasi (7)
3 1U/1 CHACANG IDEA SP (D.F.G.) 11-11-12 Mr D Paratrasi (7)
4 2221 ZAM BEE SP (D.F.G.) Mr A Bell (3)-11-12 LMr N Medi (7)
5 -141 BALLYALLA (ASTILE SP (D.G.) Mr Read 10-11-8 LMr T Lane (7)
7-4 to Jo Boy, 3-1 Cracking Wax, Zam Bee, Setholia Cazle, 12-1 Charry Chap.

4.50 DAVID KEITH MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£5,270: 2m 5f 110yd) (10) 2 STAI GRANGE COURT 39 (F.G.S.) 1 Williams 0-11-11 ______ D. Byrne
2 O405 WSE ADVICE 37 (F.) M. Hammand 9-11-4 ______ M. Bensley
3 2FF DEMOREUR 17 (G.) Mrs 1, Taylor 8-10-12 _____ Mr J. Owen (7)
4 333P DEMOREUR 17 (G.) Mrs 1, Taylor 8-10-10 _____ Mrs J. Owen (7)
5 143F HAJD FOR HEAVEN 2 (S.) R. Hoest 9-10-0 _____ P. Holbert
6 PSTF RELL OF BOUNCE 17 (D.S.) R. Hoest 9-10-0 ____ P. Holbert
7 0FF2 BYSLO DE LA RONCE 17 (S.) 4 H. Harvey 7-10-5 _A C. Corde (S.)
6 42FF MR PSTE MAN 74 (S.) R. Cartis 10-10-3 _____ J. Leach
10 4FF0 HIGHLAND FLAME 16 (S.) A. BEICHRONE 11-10-0 ____ M. Sterrati 7-2 Head For Heaven, 4-1 Foli Of Bourice, T1-2 Grange Court, 5-1 others.

5.25 BETTY AND HERBERT CASSELL MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,676: 2m) (11) 1 34-2 SUPPLIES AT 17 No. 0 Pates 5-11-10 D Byron 2 230 FORES ALL 39 R Hodges 5-11-10 D Byron 2 230 FORES ALL 39 R Hodges 5-11-10 P Hodge 2 230 FORES ALL 39 R Hodges 5-11-10 P Hodge 3 1355 LBAT THE DAMAGE 65 (D.S.) J Whyte 7-11-5 S Carren 4 2232 FOLO WEITURE 29 M Hammond 4-11-5 M Beauthy 5 2514 RESIGNED RELPORTS 13 J R HESTS 5-11-3 J J Beauthy 5 2514 RESIGNED RELPORTS 13 J R HESTS 5-11-4 A C Copte (9) 1905 SHOWN 10-HT 18 PRICE 4-11-0 Less Long 1 Less Long 1 Copte 1 1 J Report 1 1 J Lesch Long 1 Copte 1 1 J Lesch Long 1 Copte 1 2 R Copte 3 10-7 J Lesch Long 1 Copte 1 2 R Long 1 Copte 1 R Long 1 Copte 1 R Long 1 R

ROB WRIGHT 4.00 Baroncelli 3.00 Irish Frotic 4.30 Multintor 3.30 Amaze 5.00 Laffah GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) 2.30 CHURCH FARM HURDLE (52,478: 211 \$) (13) 11-4 Herik, 3-1 Chippenst, 4-1 Native Speaker, 7-1 Soviet Lady, 8 3.00 BLACKHORE BORLEY CHASE (52,559: 2 2) (10)

1 1-06 DACSLD 19 (F) H Howe 9-11-7
2 000M I DO THE JORES 12 J GMord 0-11-7
3 0682 MISH FROUC 13 (6F G.S) R Rown 7-11-7
4 ASpel
4 7FPP LOVAL GAR 52 (F) A J WHSON 11-11-7
5 4324 MACHALIN 30 I Senge 0-11-7
6 3224 MACHALIN 30 I Senge 0-11-7
7 LP Greene
7 USP3 MICE APPRIOACH 66 R Hodges 0-11-7
8 Dates (2)
6 0US2 SMART GUY 28 Mrs L Javedi 7-11-7
10 0-PP LUCHATIVE PERK 16 Miss C Caroe 7-11-2
Winstex (7) 2-1 Mactelini, 3-1 Insh Fronc. 5-1 Merry Shot, 7-1 Nice Approach 1 others-3.30 RBS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,063: 2n/4f) (11)

1 2333 AMAZE 28 (F.S) Lady Hurles 10-11-10 W-Grostrex (7)
2 443- LE DE LIBRATE 39F (CD,E) R C Stalban 5-11-8 P Höb
3 40-3 WALKING TALL 25 (CD,E) I McGovern 8-11-8 C Mentaly (7)
4 3516 BAME DLE,BMAN 167 (F.E.S.) J Mufflers 0-11-3 A Bates (3)
5 2445 FOUNTAIN 8D 17 (G) R Dean 7-10-8 Batchsior (5)
7 -205 FLYING FOUNSE 56 (S) M J Poberts 6-10-9 MBatchsior (5)
8 0530 SR VALENTINE 39 R Rove 5-10-5 A Peoples (7)
8 0530 SR VALENTINE 39 R Rove 5-10-5 A Sentily (7)
10 4000 HEPPAROLLE 46 (B) Mrs J Planta 5-10-3 R Green
11 4210 NIGHT THYNE 13 (S) M J Roberts 7-10-0 A Garnity (7)
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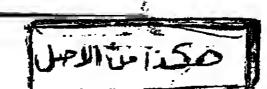
4.00 JOKER JACK RETIREMENT HANDICAP CHASE (£3.020: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 33P ESPERANZA N 364 (CD.G) M J Roberts 7-11-10 . TPeoples 17
2 37P CARAS ROSE 100 (G) Mrs J Phress 7-11-10 . TPeoples 17
3 2132 BARDINGELL 100 (CD.S) M Wilstram 9-11-3 M Secretor 6
4 FP53 SCOBE GRIL 21 (C.S.) J Markins 9-10-11 . As Base (2
5 6020 BRASSIS HUL 77 (G) R Rosen 8-10-9 . A Base (2
5 6020 BRASSIS HUL 77 (G) R Rosen 8-10-9 . A Base (2
6 6 GNP SECURION GRILE BY R Rose 7-10-5 . W Greater (1
6 6 GNP SECURION GRILE BY R Rose 7-10-2 . L Appl 6-4 Baroncolli, 7-2 Esperanza IV, Caras Rose, 0-1 Scoble Girl, 12-1 others

4.30 HISCOX INSURANCE SELLING HANDICE CHASE (£2,618: 2m 5f) (B)

9-4 Tiger Panes, 3-1 Whippers Deligite, 7-2 Lyphand's Fable, 6-1 others.

5.00 RACE VISION HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-0: £2,303: 2m 1f) (6) 1 5011 LAFFAH 13 (T.D.G.S) M Pipe 12-0 2 030 STOPWARCH 25 Mrs. L. Jones 11-7 3 9513 RIVER PROWIER 10 (G.S) M LINW 11-2 4 0530 RPD BROOK LAD 34F (G) G DW 10-0 5 0303 BROOKSE 19 (T) R Carson 10-1 6 0PO4 DANCING DERWISH 32 S Mellor 10-0 M Batche (





Feathered Leader to relish test of stamina

By Chris McGrath

WITHmany exhausted punters seeing a fresh start on the Flat, it's appropriate that the jumps eason should try to retrieve heir attention with its most guelling tests of stamina. The Martell Grand National on laturday finds echoes over the following weekends in the takis Casinos Scottish National and Whitbread Gold Cup. This final crescendo of staying chases begins at Fairyhouse day with the Jameson

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Aftern long winter many rivals will envy Celtic Giant. who had just one race before runnin away with the Fulke Walwy Kim Muir Chase at the Chittenham Festival. The scale of his improvement was reflected in odds of 20-1, and while a quarter of the field was eliminated by a pile-up. he was in command a long way out and is clearly progressing. His fore, however, is hold jumping and galloping on a sound urface, and even improved fonditions may not prevent the race proving more of a slog.

His ellow raider, Full Of Oats, is by contrast e remorseless stater who needs mud. Rejuvenated by a change of stable, he has also enjoyed a light campagn, and was entitled to be feeling his hard race in the Eider Chase when disappoint-

ing last time.
The home defence ranges from classy handicappers like Papillon to the sort of unexposed hovices that have a fine record in this race. Papillon is a real eccentric, remarkably versatile but not always wholly dependable. Though he has form over two miles, he bit off more than he could chew in he Queen Mother Champion greater leisure to get himself involved back over this trip. He was denied only by Bobbyio last year.

Among the novices, Feath-ered Leader also leaps up in trip. He was running a cracker when unseating Conor O Dwyer three out in the Guinness Arkle Trophy at Cheltenham. Arthur Moore has always campaigned him like a good horse and he would prove well treated if a test of stamina vindicates that esteem. He is likely to be better served by the drying ground than his fellow novice. Manus The Man.

One of the season's themes has been the resurgence of Norman Williamson as a masterful big-race jockey, but he has recently been brought back to earth with a bump. After sickening injuries to Nick Dundee and Teeton Mill at Cheltenham, he must now ponder the potentially grave consequences of a drinkdriving charge.

Bob Treacy, then, would be a friend in need if he could restore morale. A faller when strongly fancied last year, he has since confirmed his calibre, rattling Imperial Call and Dorans Pride at Punchestown before winning the valuable Thyestes Chase. A slow pace over an inadequate trip meant he did well even to get his nose in a photo at Leopardstown last time, as he is stoutly bred. This test could duly prompt improvement even beyond his

relatively lofty rating. Like Papillon, he has his quirks, but Williamson gets the best out of him. The sole caveat is that his best form is on softer ground, so he may be worth taking on with the dark Chase last time and may enjoy horse, Feathered Leader.

FAURY CLOUDES FAIR DOSS

DING: GOOD TO SOFT

3.55 JAMESON IRISH GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP. CHASE (Grade 1: £78,350: 3m 5f) (20 runners)

BETTING: 6-1 Manus: The Man. 7-1 Bob Treacey. Celtic Glant, Glebe Lad, The Ouads. 8-1 Papillon wood, 19-1 Feathered Leader, 16-1 Druids Prook, Full Of Dass, Rightsaddied, 20-1 Risk Of Thuride. Castle, 3-1 mbers.

1998; BOBBYJO 8-11-3 P Carberry (8-1) 1 Carbony 22 ran

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WINCANTON

ROB WRIGHT 2.00 Estate Agent 3.30 Walter's Destiny 2.30 Knight Templar 4.00 Super Mac 4.30 Yorkshire Edition 3.00 Takethetopoff

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.00 NINE HOLE 'NATIONAL HUNT' HOVICES HURDLE (£2,542, 2m) (8 runners)

10-T1 Estate Agent, 11-8 My Man Dan, 14-1 Proper Primitive, 20-1 Thanks Sig FeRa, 25-1 Fly & Alone, Pridgeon Post, 33-1 others.

2.30 CADBURY BUSINESS PARK NOVICES CHASE (£3,246: 3m 1l 110yd) (5)

6-4 Kinghi Tempiar, 7-4 Cherokos Boy, 3-1 Millioroli Regatta, 16-1 Dunnicks Country, 25-1 Coole Cherry. 3.00 GOLF COURSE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,954: 2m) (10) 6-4 Miss Onder, 7-2 Shade D'amethyste, 5-1 Aton Atwen, 8-1 Takethotopotf, 10-1 Ayem, 12-1 Golden Lify, 14-1 Give And Take, 33-1 others.

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2.45 Dragons Bay

Carl Evans: 4.45 Major Torn.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

HURDLE (£2,654; 2m 4l 110yd) (18 runners)

2.15 CARLISLE RACE CLUB MEMBERS NOVICES

11-10 Actors, 5-1 Northern General, 8-1 Choice Cur., 10-1 others.

2.45 KIRKANDREWS-ON-EDEN NOVICES

HANDICAP CHASE (£3,126: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

T1-4 Dragons Bay, 7-T Wr Frangipani, Aren't We Lucky, 8-1 others.

AL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE(£2,612: 2m 1f) (20)

3.15 MICHAEL OF GARA SOTH BIRTHDAY NATION-

11-4 Fox's Libel, 9-2 Gunner Marc, 8-1 Easby Blue, Willia Thyrie, 12-1 others.

3.15 Allerbeck

3.45 Minella Gold

4.45 Major Tom

5.15 Grouse Hall

4.15 Executive Design

3.30 CADBURY BUSINESS PARK HANDICAP HURDLE (£2.570; 2m 60 (17)

| HURDLE (E2,570: 2m 6t) (17) | 1 6424 High Submark TS5 (CD.F) L Main 9 11-10 | Mrs C.J Blam 2 15-P BURLINGTON SAM THIS (D.S.S) & Horiz 11-13 | Gar Leek 13 3 1055 BULLON FOREST 13 (T.G.S) & Horiz 11-13 | Bar H Herby (7) 4 2-P5 NOBEL LAD 27 (B.5) M Proc 5-11-3 | G Suspie (1) 4 2-P5 NOBEL LAD 27 (B.5) M Proc 5-11-3 | G Suspie (1) 5 253 W WILTER'S DESTINY 13 (CD.6) & Machel 7-11-7 | G Upton 6 4871 BUCKSKO CAMBO 11 (D.D.6.S) P High-Ref 5-11-2 | G Upton 6 4871 BUCKSKO CAMBO 11 (D.D.6.S) P High-Ref 5-11-3 | B Durwoody 7 2520 PAULTON 12 (B.G.) P BERB 15-11-2 | G Brace (7) 8 6221 BLUE BLAZER 19 (D.S.) R Froz 9-11-1 | Cummark 39 0064 ENTEFAAL 25 (BF.F.6.) J Froz 9-11-1 | Cummark 39 0064 ENTEFAAL 25 (BF.F.6.) J Froz 9-11-1 | D Subhan 7 11 PPO SAAPI 46 (B.Q.S.) C Populan B-10-12 | D Subhan 7 11 PPO SAAPI 46 (B.Q.S.) C Populan B-10-12 | D Subhan 7 11 PPO SAAPI 46 (B.Q.S.) C Populan B-10-12 | D Subhan 7 11 PPO SAAPI 46 (B.Q.S.) C Populan B-10-12 | D Subhan 7 11 PPO BELKOWEN 733 (P) P Hobbs 9-10-7 | Miss M Courtner 13 834 CHICAGO'S BEST 546 (F G) M Commbe 13-10-9 Miss M Courtner 14 FPU RELKOWEN 733 (P) P Hobbs 9-10-7 | Miss M Courtner 15 2-03 REGAL GEM 11 (F.G) C Barrell R-10-4 | D Commo (7) 10 000 BANJO HILL 12 C Woodon 5-10-2 | D Burtows 15 10 Commo (7) 11 0000 BANJO HILL 12 C Woodon 5-10-2 | D Burtows 15 10 Commo (7) 11-14 Bucksan Camer, 7-2 Blue Blazer, 8-1 Walton'; Person 10-1 09-15

4.00 IMPROVE YOUR HANOICAP CHASE (£3,501 2m) (9)

7-4 Community Cracker, 5-2 Septer Mag, 11-2 Roburt Pride, 7-1 others.

4.30 PAY AND PLAY 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES HURDLE (£2.738. 2m 6t) (6)

1 -41P YORKSHIPE EDITION 95 (BF CD) P Notrolls 5-11-7 R Dominion 9 - 11-0 ... R Bellarmy 3 - 40P BOOZYS ORE AM 398 in Thomson 9-11-0 ... R Bellarmy 3 - 40P BOOZYS ORE AM 398 in Thomson 9-11-0 ... Gay Less 6, 6, 4 /1/0 FOR CHRISTE 131 FS) N Howle 10-11-0 ... R Widger (5) 5 - 605 SLIPEME FORM 108 P Notroll 6-11-0 ... L Cummins (3) 4/PP MCRLES LASS 19 (8) 5 Cab - 10-10-9 ... T O'Commor (7) T O'Commor (7) 1-2 Youishire Edition, 2-1 Suprame From 16-1 For Christie 33-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS, P. Michalle, 42 manners from 1,9 junners 30.0%, M. Pape, 37 born 158, 73.4% is Balley, 10 born 46, 21.7%, P. Rouesa, 4 born 16, 15.4% J. King, 9 horn 60, 15.0%, R. Alney, 17 born 132, 12.9%, JDCKEYS: L. Communs, 7 arango s horn 13 rides, 21,2%, R Duminoody, 19 kins 99, 19 2%; O Burrows, 4 horn 22, 18,2%, 1 Descombe, 10 from 96, 10 4%

3.45 JOHN DIXON HANDICAP CHASE

CARLISLE (£3,794: 3m 2f) (14) **ROB WRIGHT**

11-2 Committed Schedulc, 6-1 by House, 13-2 The Snow Burn, Celtic Duke 8-1 Nilway, Gale Force, Le Denstan, 10-1 others

4.15 BORDER TELEVISION HANDICAP HUROLE (£2,738, 2m 1l) (10)

1 B33P VALEDICTORY 23 (CD.S) P Montasti 6-12 0 Mr J McNamara (5)
2 -003 EXECUTIVE DESIGN 23 (G.S) Mr; M Revety, 7-11-9
3 2336 DAN DE MAN 31 (BF.G.S) Mr; L Siddail 8-11-8 . A Doobton
4 1030 EPONINE 10 (F.G.S) E Bloot 5-11-6 6 F Ryan (3)
5 U336 CAP IT IF YOU CAN 38 (S) T Cadveril 6-11-1 . R LGGrath
6 4110 JUST LZZE 10 (CD.S) 8 Norm 6-10-8 . L Cooper (7)
4432 FABR AND FANCY 25 (BF.G.S) Miss: Mallingan 8-10-7 E Lerby
8 164U CUTTING ANSHAKE 166F (D.F.G.) M 100hontes 4-10-0
C McContrack (3)
9 SPSP COMMON SOUND 14 (T.S) J Barckey 8-10-0 B Station (1)
10 GRILL AND 20 (CD.F.G.) Mrs K Milligan 6-10-0 B Station (1) 3-1 Executive Design, 2-1 Dan De Man, Eponine, Fair And Fancy, Onel Lad. 8-1 Valedictory, Just Lezze, Gutting Anshake, 10-1 others.

4.45 JOHN MCKIE MAIOEN HUNTERS CHASE (£1.155: 3m 2f) (12)

HANDICAP CHASE (£3,126; 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 413F MR FRANGPANI 42 (8f,5) N Rethards 6-12-0 — A Dobbin
1 413F MR FRANGPANI 42 (8f,5) N Rethards 6-12-0 — A Dobbin
2 1311 DRAGONS BAY 16 (8f,5) N Rethards 6-12-0 — A Dobbin
3 8-00 CRAIGARY 60 (6) Mr. A Selobonh 8-11-8 — Mr C Wilson
4 23F3 ARENT WE LICKY 42 J J O'Neal 6-11-4 — R McGrath
5 0732 MADDINS'S SAM 16 P Beaumol 7-10-12 — CMCGormack (3)
6 5F31 CHARMWOOD JACK 18 M Inditume 6-10-12 — CMCGormack (3)
7 F160 BOYZONITOOWA 40 (0,F,5) W Soret 7-10-11 — Jardine (7)
8 702- JOHABE 549 (0,F) May 5 Stack 9-10-7 — L Cooper (7)
9 -4P5 FAN D'ESTRUVAN 33 M Inditume 6-10-12 — CMCGormack 13)
10 PPP1 DOOK'S DEUGHT 18 DG,S) R Fatey 8-10-7 Mr J Ackbarnon (5)
11 3120 BROMFORD HOUSE)73, (5) G M McGre 6-10-5 — J Cafestran
12 0482 TURKISH TOWER 18 (S) R Nison 8-10-4 — G F Ryan (2)
13 7-7 WOODY DANE 748 (0,F,F) Needlam 9-10-4 — G F Ryan (2)
14 3F34 LONB BULJAH 20 (0,F,F) J Wash 6-10-4 — D Parker
16 053P REEP CLEAR 72 (6,5) G Gant 9-10-3 — Mr 8 650on (7)
17 ODOP LARKSHIL 37 (0,5) J FutGesal 8-10-0 — F Leaby
11-4 Dragons Bay, 7-1 Mr FranglownI, Aren't We Lucky, 8-1 others. (2.1.133: S01.21) (1.2)

1. 13-S. RARNEY THE MAN 190 (G) R Ford 7-12-7 ... Mr R Ford (3)

2. SDP2 BORDER GLORY SP (S) W M Scott 8-12-7 ... Mr R Remeich 17)

3. FP CARRICK TROOP 16 Ms. M Revelop 6-12-7 ... Mr A Dempcey

4. 611 FERLOE RAMBLER 50P 17, GS R Admon 8-12-1 ... Mr P Johnson (3)

5. 132F MALLINGAR CON 14 /GI C Brant 11-12-1 ... Mr P Johnson (3)

6. 33-1 FLURIUCEVA 23P (S) B McMichol 9-12-2 ... Mr J P McMartolt 9

7. P235 GD B BALL 9 P43 J Newerl 9-12-2 ... Mr J P McMartolt 9

7. P235 GD B BALL 9 P43 J Newerl 9-12-0 ... Mr G Makhon (7)

8. -321 NEETER'S CALL 15P (6.5) R Berkel T-12-0 ... Mr C Makhon (7)

9. -122 MCHUCKMATE 15P (6.5) R Berkel T-12-0 ... Mr A Punker (3)

10. 11-5 PRESS 10 S TING 23P (-6.6) A Machagnar 10-12-0 ... Mr Mr Bradberne

11. -811 REDOMI 23P (S) E Fernack 7-12-0 ... Mr Mr J J Tale (7)

22 Carbota Employer E-1 Caracter (2000 Misser Ton 11-2 Peterton 7-11 Muritic 7-2 Senice Rambler, 5-1 Caruck Troop, Major Torn, 11-2 Sentoni, 7-1 Mutingar Con, Poniceva, 10-1 Seeper's Call, 16-1 others

5.15 BOWNESS INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,683: 2m 1i) (20)

1 GROUSE HALL 23 (S) G M Moore 5-11-11 ... J Cataglum 1 DENARIUS 25 (CD.S) W Harth 4-11-5 ... R Guest BANNERIAAN N Rudreck 6-11-4 ... A Dobbin 04 BLUE BLID 37 J Fregand 5-11-4 ... P Ryan (7) BUNCLE W Kemp 6-11-4 ... S 7aylor

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SPECIALISTS

Carlisle

TRAINERS: N Aichards, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%, Mrs M Reveley, 28 from 103, 27.2%, Mrs A Swinbani, 8 from 35, 22.2%; J Friz-Gerald, 5 from 23, 21.7%, P Monieut, 8 from 43, 18.6%; L Lungo, 21 from 115, 18.3%, J R Turner, 3 from 18, 16.7%, C Grant, 3 from 22, 13.6%, B Mactaggart, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: A Dobbin, 27 winners from 136 rides, 19.9%; W Dowling, 4 from 22. 18.2%; B Grettan, 5 from 33, 15.2%, J Callaghan, 7 from 49, 14.3%; R Guest, 10 from 72, 13.9%; D Benley, 5 from 37, 13.5%; B Storey, 19 from 155, 12.3%, J Burke, 4 from 40, 10.0%. Only qualitiers

Hereford

TRAINERS: P Murphy, 8 winners from 28 runners, 28 6%, N Gaselee, 4 from 16, 25 0%, D Nicholson, 6 from

R Lee, 5 from 41, 12.2%, Miss H Knight, 4 from 35, 11 4%; P Bowen, 5

JOCKEYS: J McCarthy, 6 winners from 31 rides, 19.4%, D J Burchell, 4 from 30, 13.3%; S Wysne, 11 from 85.

12 9%: R Thornton, 6 from 53, 11 3%

A P McCOY

from 47, 10 6%.

. 22.2%, O Sherwood, 4 from 19. 21,1%; N Twiston-Davies, 21 Irom 101, 20.8%, Mr. J Pilman, 3 Irom 19, 15,8%, D Burchell, 4 from 29, 13.8%,

ROB WRIGHT

2.25 New Bird 4.10 Northern Saddler 3.00 Divine Inspiration 4.45 Royal Tommy 3.35 Lucky Ross 5.20 Crizen Kane

2.25 ROSS-ON-WYE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-1-0, £3,009; 2m; 11) (6 iumners)

1 13-3 (EW ERO 18 (S) D Veroption 11-5 2 ELMARIS 76F (Lorden 11-4 9 ELWARIS CONTRACT 38 G Rice 11-6 4 POS UP LOST LOST 31 (F) 4 Pertanguant 11-5 5 TRUED MITE CRED 25 Mag 11-1-1-1-1-1 5 TO POSITIVE 170F M CARGON 10-9 4-11 New Bard, 7-1 Effectual, Proposi With Glad, 19-1 Se Propose, 25-1 propos

3.00 JAMES DALY HUNTERS CHASE (£2,442: 2m 3l) (17)

1 P-1F BODGE MATCH 9P /F G.S.) 4.5 B ren (2.10) 12/15 ELLind 17/2
P-33 MODERA MORBER 10 P G.S. 5 Events 12 T Mr.R Bens (7)
3 2530 CHARRIEL PASTRISE 16P (F G.S.) Mr. J D mr. 15/15/9
4 45-U DAYTHE DAWN 12 (9) 8 day 8-10 0 Mr.S MODE (7)
Mr.S MODE (7) 7-4 Storing March, 9-4 Rigoluth, Words, 11-2 Extra linguistrian 7-1 ething

3.35 HOLIDAY NOVICES HUROLE (£3,116 3m Ct) (12)

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HEREFORD

2-1 Signism, Con. 2-1 Haven Scarom, 7-2 Lacky Ross, 8-1 Happy Husser, 10-1 Station 12-1 Dardy Conco. Laters America, 20-1 others

4.10 NEWTOWN HANDICAP CHASE /93 550 (2m) (7)

1 :366 FERRUFIND 24 (D.F.G.) P. Roch (1-12-6 L. Consoran (7) 1-4P NAPCO 156 (F) S. Sharepoot 7-10-12 ... O Lically 2233 MORTHERN SADDLER 16 (D.F.G.S) R. Hooget 12-10-11 R. Linguiston MARWIS AND 133 May 0 Black 9-10-8
 Styring 5 Chyring 5 Chyring 6 Chyring 6 Chyring 6 Chyring 7 Chy 5.0 Szemen Coddor, 6-1 Edkieyback, 9-2 Asbal Invasion, 5-1 Manualine, 7-1 Ferralino, 8-1 Rapor, 16-1 Managing

4.45 MARLBROOK NOVICES CHASE (£3,485 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

P21. NO JOKER 679 (CD.F.G) N Castles 1:-11-6 D Leafly
P-35 CHERRY ORGAND 12 J A Horpes 12:-11-2 J A McCarthy
SPE THE NOMEST POACHER 25 (G) H Day 9:-11-2 R Stormton
1-PO WINTER GAME 87 (F) H Day 5-11-2 S Wynae
5-52 PAMALYN 505 (SP) S Brockshaw 7-10-11 Mr G Lake (T) 7.4 fot at 1cmm, 2-1 No John 5-1 The Hone's Position, 7-1 Femolys, 8-1 ChB1/ Octob 25-1 Winter Same

5.20 PETERSTOW NOVICES HANOGCAP HUROLE (£3 438 2m 3l 110yd) (14)

11 4 Buch Roya, 7-2 Enden have 11-2 Other Club, 6-1 others.

CHEPSTOW

ROB WRIGHT 2.00 Joliver 3.30 City Hall 4.00 Flapjeck Lad 2.30 Norski Lad 4.30 Russell Road 3.00 In The Blood 5.00 Handy Lass

GOING, GOOD TO SOFT

2.00 SPRINGTIME CLAIMING HUROLE (£1.968; 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1.1905: 2ft 4f 110y0) (12 trunners)

1.2-2P RUSTY RELL 32 (C.S) W 6 th Tuber 9-11-12 A P McCoy
3-90 JOUNER 20 (J.S) M 90 th 11-10 A P McCoy
3-906 CAPTARI MORRIS 12 (V) P Wegman 7-11-6
4-04 MONTONIE 116 Ms 1 (Picts 9-11-1 B Mcmon)
6-0-50 PORMINABLE FLAME 445 6 Hans 6-11-11 Shorton
7-9030 SUPREME MASTER 12 (8.5) Mrz C Johnson 9-11-0 J Tezand
8-2-35 DANCING A TLAYARIN 120 (S) Mrz C Volnoco 9-11-0 J Tezand
9-0-25 GOLDEN FILM 25 (T.S) B Lienet(I,n 11-10-12 Hisband
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13 Scales (T) J Mages
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2.30 CASTLE HOVICES HURDLE

(Div I. £2,220: 2m 4l 110yd) (11) 5-4 Norsky Lad. 7-2 Ballet High, Tain Ton, 7-1 Knightsbridge Star., 16-1 nithers

3.00 FULKE WALWYN HANDICAP CHASE

(£5.784: 2m 3f 110yd) (6) 1 1F.P BENGERS MOOR 162 (F.S.S) P Nicholis 8-11-10 ... J Tizzard 2 -956 JATHEI 20 (R.F.G M Fine 8-11-9 ... A P McCoy 3 -111 M THE BLOOD 23 (CD.S.S) P Hobos 8-11-8 ... C Manide 4 2310 DAMTES CAVALIER 18 (F.S.S) 0 Gandolin 8-11-1 ... R Johnson 5 4122 AMBLESIDE 9 (6.S) Mr. S WALER 8-10-0 ... E Hisband 6 613- FRYS NO FOLK 334 (CD.G.S) J Old 9-10-0 ... M A Fingerald 5-2 John 3-1 In The Blood, 7-2 Dames Cavalier 9-2 Bengurs Moor. 5-1 othors

3.30 WELSH CHAMPION HURDLE

(£6,905: 2m 110yd) (4) 1 1214 POTENTATE 18 (CD,F,G,S) M Pope 8-11-12 ... A P McCoy 2 F166 THUTCHEV 20 (D,G,S) Ib Nicholson 8-11-12 ... M A Registration 3 3237 ZARARABAD 20 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 8-11-12 ... R Johnson 4 Z320 CITY HALL 20 (D,B,S) Ms. V Ward 5-11-8 J Tizzard 4 Thrichev. 2-1 Potentale. 4-1 Zalarabad. City Halt.

4.00 FREELINE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,163: 3m 2f 110yd) (13)

5-1 True Fortune, 6-1 Mystic Islo, 13-2 Monicasman, 7-1 others

4.30 CASTLE NOVICES HURDLE

(Oiv II: £2,206 2m 4f 110yd) (11) 1 2110 RASH REMARK 19 IS) Al Pipe Is-11-10. A P MCDDV
2 1321 RISSELL RADD 24 (6.5) D Inchesson -11-10. B Alonson
3 1113 COURT CAMPIONI 23 (0.6.5) Lis. J Primars -11-5
4 0443 BALL THABRAGET 21 N Teiston Dianes 6 11-0. A RESPECTIVE OF A RES 1-8 Rash Remark, 2-1 Russell Rood, 3-1 Count Campioni, 16-1 others

5.00 EASTER SURPRISE HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,074: 2m 4i 110yd) (12) 1 P. 32 SELMORE ROCK 67 (B.BF.F.G.S) M Pipe 12-11-12 A P McCroy 2 0331 HANDY LASS 12 ICD.F.G.S) J S Smith 10-10-11 R Johnson 3 2210 PRICYINCE 17 (B.S.17 Mann 6-10-10 III R Johnson J Magne 4 6555 GUSTAGUAR 7-3 (V.CD.S.) Mulline 7-10-10 J Magne 5 -9P OH DONNA 87 (BF.G.) R Hendes on 7-10-R M A Fitzperad 5 3213 SURRISE SPECIAL 17 (5) F Rodioul 6-10-8 ... M Scales (7) 0-2 FROZEN SEA 546 (BF.F) Mis J Evre 0-10-8 ... M Scales (7) 9 6010 SURRIM 44 (F.B.S) R Duckin 6-10-3 ... M Scales (7) 9 6010 SURRIM 44 (F.B.S) R Duckin 6-10-3 ... D J Burchell 10 DPP - CASSOTS 807 377 (V.CD 8.5) (5 McCourt 8-10-0 E-Nusbard 11 1332 GRANBY RELL 56 (S) F Hayerud 8-10-0 ... J Power (7) C Maude 2 Relimore Bork 6-1 Handy Lass Sumple Special Suran. 7-1 Olitor's District of District of Communication of District Order (7) C Misurie Communication of Communicati '-2 Belmore Rock, 6-1 Handy Lass, Summe Special, Stram, 7-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERO Miss V Williams 8 womers from 17 runners 47 1% P Nicholts 32 from 191, 31,1%, P Hopbs, 27 from 104, 26 0%, J Old, 9 from 48, 20 9% D Nicholson, 17 from 83, 20 5%, J Mullins, 3 from 15, 20 0%. JüCKE72, J Tozard, 11 winners from 27 (ldec, 40 7%, A McCox, 36 hom 154, 23 4%, E Johnson, 16 hom 92, 17 4%, M Fitzgesid, 12 hom 91

TOWCESTER

ROB WRIGHT 2.15 Summer Flower 3.50 Peninsula Boy 2.45 Hightown Cavalier 4.25 Avostar 4.55 Miss Chloe 3.15 Kınnahalla Carl Evans: 4.25 Jupiter Moon.

GOING: GOOD

2.15 MATCH OF THE DAY LIVE EVENT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,828: 2m) (11 lunners)

2.45 PENRHYN HANOICAP CHASE (£3,088: 2m) (8)

1 2525 EORIMAN 62 Mix H Anghi 7-11-10 D Gallagher 2 31P4 HISHTOWN CAVALIER 32 (S) R Hodges 8-11-0 X Azgraru 13 3 PP MONTEZIMAS REVENGE 24 (f) Mix Stoket 11-10-12 U Berry 4 1030 THE LADY SCORES 16 (0.5) 5 Dev 7-10-6 W Marston 5 P246 ROSSELL SLAND 84 (RF.0.6) Mix J Phrona 8-10-7 8 Citilord 6 P245 MR POPPLETON 94 (CD.5) R Brotherton 10-10-7 . H Massey 7 04UP WHISPERING COURT 57 (0.5) A Turnell 9-10-5 0 McPhail 151 8 56P4 PPUSEL PENDRAGON 25 (7.0.5) 6 Balding 5-10-4 . F Kerny (7) 4 Rescall filed 5-1 SERVENT TO LINE SCORE. 11-2 Others. 9-4 Rossell Island, 5-1 Gorman, The Lady Scores, 11-2 others.

3.15 PHILIP BRANGWYN MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3.407; 3m 1l) (8)

5-2 Kinnahalia, 4-1 Merlins Dream, 5-1 Putiters Bar, Wrekengale, 6-1 others

J.JU BEXHILL & COUNTRYWIOE OIABETIC GROUP HANOICAP HURDLE (£2,012: 3m) (12)

4.25 schilizzi 1906 sixty years commembra-TIVE CUP (HUNTERS CHASE) (£1,084: 2m 6i) (4)

1 2P11 AVOSTAR 12 (B.CD.G.6) Mrs. C Balley 12-12-10 Mr B PoBock 2 1-PD GDLD TIMES 37P (S) Nick Seal 3-13-0 Mr J Harry (7) 3 P1P2 JUPTER MOON 8P (F.G.S.) J Conwell 10-12-0 Mr J Controld (7) 4 6F-3 SEVERN MYADER 8P (CD.F.G.S) Mrs. H Gooting 14-12-0 Mrs. C H Gooting (7) I-9 Avostar, 4-1 Jupiter Moon, 8-1 Severn Invader, 10-1 Gold Times.

4.55 CLARKE-RODWAY DIAMOND JUBILEE DPEN NH FLAT (Div | £1.525; 2m) (13)

10 SIMBER HILL 74 (S) D. Nicholon 5-11-9
CDMMANCHE BOWN I Williams 5-11-2
0 MISTER DOON 17 Mics S. Edwards 6-11-2
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RD SSR ROBBO 37 N Twester-Darles 5-11-2
1 ANTS DREAM 42 P.R Webbe 5-10-11
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ENGLISH CLOVER H Doly 4-10-5
MISS CALLOE MIS J Phrama 4-10-5
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5.25 CLARKE-RODWAY DIAMOND JUBILEE OPEN

NH FLAT (Oiv II: £1,515. 2m) (12) 2-1 Crackranie, 4-1 Comartone Cove, 5-1 Kingfisher Boy, 7-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS, Mrs. C. Bailey, 11 montes from 16 turners, 68.8%, D. Victotoon, 27 from 73, 37.0%, Mrs. V. Williams, 11 from 38, 28.9%, H. Daiy, 4 from 18, 12.2%, Mrs. J. Pimmin, 10 from 46, 21.7%, P. Hobbs, 6 from 68, 21.4% JOCKE IS B Pollock, 8 warmers from 14 index, 57 1% B Massey, 5 from 26, 192% D Gallagher, 9 from 53, 17 0% W Marston, 11 from 91, 12 1%.

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season. Each year, he knows he'll ride in around 700 races. He also knows that statistically, I in I0 is a faller.

Kevin Eason on the leading drivers lining up for the start of the British Touring Car Championship

Neal stuns rivals to capture pole

THE glory would probably be enough reward, but Matt Neal is halfway to a £250,000 prize as the first independent driver to break the stranglehold of the mega-budget manufacturer teams in the Auto Trader British Touring Car Champi-

Neal stunned his opposition yesterday by smashing the circuit record at Donington Park on his way to pole position for the main feature race this afternoon. To leave former chamoions and track stars in his wake was remarkable enough, but Neal's achievement is to beat teams with multi-million pound budgets that he can only dream of.

To add insult to injury, Neal was driving a 1998 constructors' championshipwinning Nissan Primera GT. which he bought from the factory team - which would be like buying Mika Hakkinen's old McLaren-Mercedes to race and then beating him. While Neal sits on pole, neither of the factory-backed team cars. driven by David Leslie and Laurent Aiello, managed to qualify in the top ten.

"It is a fantastic moment for me and the team," the 32-yearold, who races for Team Dynamics, said. "I thought the manufacturer teams would be bringing out the heavy artillery, but, if I am going to win, then this is as good a chance as I am ever going to get and the thought of that £250,000 cheque is very nice. I just have to get away from pole and win. Sounds simple, but I am sure it will be a tough day at the races."

The success of Midlander serves only to underline just how tight this series, acknowledged

second only to Formula One in Great Britain, could be this season. Any one of half a dozen drivers is capable of winning the championship, including Neal, whose status as a rank outsider evaporated with his tyre smoke at Donington yesterday.

"This will be the closest

championship for a long time because every team has a good car and drivers who can win races." Rickard Rydell, the current champion who qualified his Volvo S40 in seventh posioon, said, "I want to make a little bit of history by winning two otles in a row, but it is significant that recently drivers who have won the title have not had such a good year after

The grid is small in quantity

- just six manufacturers are represented - though high on quality for the first two rounds, an 18-lap sprint followed by the 36-lap feature race. Honda has built a new Accord that could put James Thomson, the voungest man on the grid, on his way to a maiden championship. The fresh-faced Yorkshireman, at the age of 24, has seven career victories behind him already. came third in the championship last season and put himself alongside Neal on the front row for the main race today, while taking pole, with

Neal second, for the sorint.

"The basic new car is not

1999 DIARY

(First day qualifying, second day two races): Today (two races): Donington Park, April 17/18: Salverstone, Mary 2/3: Thrudon Mary 15/16: Brande Hatch, Mary 30/31: Culion Park, June 19/20: Donington July 3/4: Croft July 16/17: Snetterton, July 31/August 1; Thruston August 14/15: Knockili August 29/30: Brands Hatch, September 11/12. Outon Park, September 18/19: Salverstone



Vincent Radermecker tests the new Volvo S40 at Silverstone, the car in which Rickard Rydell will defend his British touring car championship

only quicker than last year's "The main thing is that I but also has lots of development ahead of it," he must not get too hung up about winning. I want to win said, "but the competition is so every race hopefully, but I close you cannot really rule anhave to be consistent and get yone out. Any of the manufacpoints each time out, because turers in the championship that could be the way to the now are capable of winning championship."

and look at what Matt Neal The Briosh touring car has achieved, so it is difficult to championship has always propredict. It is going to be down vided speciacular wheel-toto pitstops and team effort as wheel racing, no more so than much as the drivers and cars. at Donington last June, when Nigel Mansell almost pulled off the seemingly impossible by winning for Ford in the wet. His drive had started out as little more than a publicity coup, with Mansell being paid a reputed £500,000 by a struggling team striving to get attention in any way that it could in this ultra-competitive series.

Touring Cars takes its reputation as a testbed for new ideas a step further this season with the first night race in Great Britain. The Snetterton circuit, outside Norwich, is being equipped with floodlights on July 17 to give spectators a unique view of the sport.

This year, Ford has aban-doned the frivolity of hiring an ex-Formula one star for a few demonstration drives and bought the best talent that it can find to transform its Mondeo into a winning car. Prodrive, which built world championship-winning rally

cars for Colin McRae, is making the Mondeos, in alliance with Cosworth, the Formula One engine supplier.

Alain Ménu, the flamboyant 1997 champion, is partnered by his antithesis in the form of Anthony Reid, a quiet, introverted Scot, whose studied approach last season made him the highest-placed British driver, Ménu and Reid lurk menacingly fourth and fifth on the grid for the main race, but Reid, second to Rydell last year, is under no illusions that the new team will have to gel quickly to make an impact today.
"It might be an all-new pack-

age, but, because of the organisations involved, we have been able to respond quickly to

problems. We hope we will be up at the sharp end straight away although there is still a lot of discovering to be made of the Mondeo," he said.

He agrees that predicting winners this year is fraught with difficulty. This could the most exciting championship on record. When people reflect on bow this championship was won, they might see that the driver did not win every time, but that the car was reliable and he was always among the places."

LINKS

THE **CONTENDERS**

Rickard Rydell (Swe Age: 31

Team: Volvo S40. Prospects: Tough job defending his champion-ship, but Rydell is rated as the best touring car friver in the business. Derends entirely on how well his 1999 Volvo can perform.

Anthony Reid (GB)

Age: 39 Team: Ford Mondec

Prospects: Lasi /ear's top British driver hasall the equipment for winning and showed last seasor he is not afraid of confrontation. The new Mondeo is an unknown, though he is

Laurent Aiello (Fr)

Age: 29 Team: Nissan Primera Prospects: Must rate as a contendar. The Pimera was the lastest on the track at the end of last year and Aiallo is highly rated. Put the two logether and there could be victory

Alain Ménu (Switz)

Age: 35. Team: Ford Mondex

Prospects: Never rala out Ménu, the 1997 chanpion. Swapped to Mondeo to give Ford the strangest driver line-up and experience coupled with enormous talant could still cause a slir.

James Thompson (GB) Age: 24

Team: Honda Accord Prospects: Young gun ol touring cars who has never quite fulfilled his potential. The Accord is still developing, like Thompson, but quite capable of procucing victories and podium finish-

Matt Neal (GB) Age: 32

Team: Team Dynamics. Prospects: Most intrigu-ing of the lot. On for a £250,000 prize if he is the first independent to win a race this season - and he could, given stunning test times. Look out for a



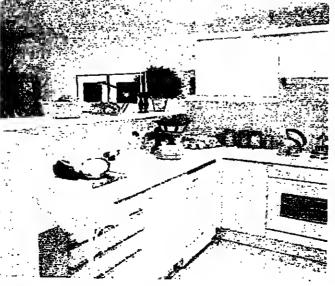
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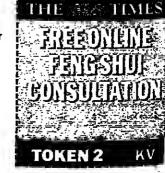


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AUSTRALIAN RULES

Alistracian LEAGUE: St. Nide 19 16 (130) bt Melbourne 13 8 (84). Essendon 22 9 (141) bt Kangsroos 15 16 (106). Geeing 24.5 (155) bt Western Buldogs 20 14 (155) bt Nide St. St. 108) bt Sydney 13 18 (65); Adelante 8 12 (60) bt Hawthom 65 (56); West Cosul 11 17 (83) bt Bristane 11,7 (73). Pon Adelance 17 12 (114) bt Frenance 15 11 (101)

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INICOLN: All-England mixed pairs championehip: Third round: Group one: why Valley (C Wooler and 8 Emonuch bi Tabury (K Morgan and 8 Byford) 14-6, for bay (Jung in Rename) by Chammood Jaland A Holis) 17-16 Group witners: Wey Valley Group twice Crystal Palace & West and A Kelswey) bi Bertham (M Adams and E Karangh) 14-7; York and Destric (J Coulson and M Committern bil Harpenden (J Coulson and M Consol) 10-10. Chestrum (D Mascot and F Harlat bir Paval Turbindige Wells IS and W Contie) 24-13 Group winners: Chestrum Group fauer: South Forest (J Baker and S Baker) bit Avon Valley (A MacPherson and G Moon) 14-11 Carriondige Parill and S Tuchty) bit Turnion Decane (S and M Eseric) 19-8. Group winners: South Forest (Group Tite Whitelengins) (P Pond and R Newmen) bit Dorchester (R Gwallan and S Desirson) 18-12, North Waisham (J Roylence and I Wones) to Colchester (D and E Josh) 20-6. Group winners: North Waisham Group airc Backpool Borough (D Hart and D Holl) bit Egenton Park (O Wickston) (A Pascot and M Wen) (Y 1-12, Group winners: Cny of Ely (B and G Harlow) to Newcastel (N Craq and M Bensel) 21-17. Group winners: Cny of Ely Group sevent: Ningshnop (Y MacKes and M Shappe) to Dolphin (Y and A Malen) 21-11. Pyrnouth (A Pascot and M Wen) bit (Sis Ik Hauss and H Wats) 13-5. Group winners: Pyrnouth. Group eight: Gallow (L Hanner) and D Reap) by Victory (M Brewer and D Belap) 20-7. Beston (L Horn and W Host) bit (L Institute (L) and Elson (L) and L) and

Chestrum bi, Psymouth 22-13, North Wal-sham bi, Wey Valley 15-14, South Forest br Boston 19-14, Semi-finale: City of Ely bi Chestrum 21-9, North Walsham bi, South Forest 17-8, Final: City of Ely bi, North Wal-sham 18-6

BOXING

ROYAL ALBERT HALL, London: World Boding Organisation super-banksmodyle identification in the Berra (Ake) holder to PLOyd (Elesznere Pent) rec 1st British and Commonwealth heavy-weight championship: J Francs (Wool-wich, holder) to D Wilsams (Brodon) pts British Bight-middleweight championship: E Singham (Manchester, holder) bt N Thurban (Loughton) to din Light-heavy-weight ibrids) M Boven (Eastman) to G Wilsams (Manchester) rsc 8th BREMEN, Germany: World Boxing Organisation light-heavy-weight championship: D Michalcawshi (Ger, holder) bt M Bharsanov (Russ) rsc 7th

CYCLING Road races

TOUR OF FLANDERS (Bruges to Meerbeke, 270km) 1, P van Petegem (Bel) 6th Isma, 2, F Vanderbroucke (Bel) at came Isma, 2, F Vanderbroucke (Bel) at came Isma, 3, J Musseuw (Bel) 1sec, 4, M Bartoli (II) 8sec, 5, Z Spruch (Pol) 8, 6, M Zoeg (Smitz) 8, Leading World Cup poelilons: 1 Van Potegem 128pts, 2 A Tohmi (Bel) 128, 3, Spruch 86, 4, E Zabel (Ser) 74, 5, Vandersbroucke 70, 6, Musseuw 50, GIRVAN HRIEE-DAY RACE, Seotland: Third stage (72 5 miest: 1, J Tanner (Pro Visuar-Pianal XI 2m 47mm 22sec, 2, J Bayfield (Harrodd, RT) same trines; 3, C Newton (Linda McCautey, (Team Men's Health 5,38,03, 2, R Revnolds-Jones (Linda McCartory Foods) at 3sec. Overalt: 1, G McCautey, (Team Men's Health 5,38,03, 2, R Revnolds-Jones (Linda McCartory Foods) at 7sec. TOUR OF THE BORDER FOUR-DAT RACE, Northumberland: Third stage (64 miest) 1, W Wingh I Protett Atom Elia RT) 2,36,29; 2, A Jackson (Middindge CRT) at Sec. 3, 5 Ward (Cycle Force) some time Overalt 1, D For, (Reighley, Composite) 8,3,3,4,2,3,4 Mw (Lernond Cycles) at 42sec,3,3,4 Cirichlow (Team Chevn) at 114, Road races

Time trials

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CHARLOTTEVALLE CC (Prvett, Hampstire, 50 miles): 1, M Cor (Sotonia CC)
151:32, 2, A Ryder (Camel Valley CC)
152:38, 3, N Gardiner (Mid Ovon CRT)
152:38, 3, N Gardiner (Mid Ovon CRT)
153:25 Teems Chalotteville CC 6.13:27
RMYL CC (Denbigh, mountain 37 miles): 1,
P Houglonson (Team Lusso) 1:33:52; 2, D
Hitchen (New Brighton CC) 1.34:28; 3, S
Hutme (Team Velocity) 1:34:53 Teems
Witterham RC 5:03:55

EQUESTRIANISM

LEICESTERSHIRE: Rolleston Horse Tri-als (Great Britain unless strated) Advanced section one: 1, Coral Covo (P Philipps) 55; 2. Acquirin; (B Tan. K-2) 57, 3. Tood Half (B Tad., N/2) 61 Advanced section two: 1, Rambow Magic (P Furnel) 49: 2, Galdem-sten (O Moore) 51, 3, Gershwin II (M Walks, Aus) 52 Advanced section three: 1, Bed-et II (C Dervis) 55: 2, Westbord (P Clark) 53; 3, Tricklesam (A Johnston) 64. Advanced section four: 1, Hooray Horry II (C Ryan-Beth 47, 2, Chestarfield (B Tan. N/2) 58: 3, Davy (P Clark) 59.

GOLF.

GEORGIA: BeltSouth Classic: Landers after three rounds (United States unless stated) 202: S Chic 71, 65, 65; M Wer (Cen) 69, 65, 68, 203: J Huston 71, 65, 67, D Duval 66, 69, 68, R Sabbelm (SA) 65, 65, 72, 204: P Mickelson 69, 71, 84, F Langhern 69, 67, 68, 206: S Appictly (Aus) 74, 68, 66, 5 Menyerna (Japan) 68, 72, 68, P Stankowski 78, 65, 69, J Pamerik (Swe) 56, 72, 68, 207: D Love 69, 69, 69, 69, 61, 61 Fabel 68, 68, 71; G Day 68, 67, 72 Other stores: 212: J Woosnam (GB) 70, 69, 73, 215: N Faich (GB) 69, 73, 73
LINCOLM, Californie: LPCA Longs Drugs Challenge: Landers effect three rounds (United States unless stated) 216: J iniciser 69, 67, 74, 212: S Stanhauer 70, 74, 69, 214: W Doolsn (Aus) 72, 68, 74; C Ken 74, 70, 70, 215: C Figor-Cume 69, 72, 75; A Sozenstam (Swe) 71, 71, 73: J McGill 73, 70, 72; A J Esthone (Cen) 72, 68, 73, R Histherington (Aus) 72, 68, 75, M McKay (GB) 69,

72, 75, Other acores: 222: J blodey (GB) 73, 74, 75, 226: K Dones (GB) 78, 70, 78 SOUTHERNOOWN: Dameste Patter Leading final acores: 216: G Wolcienholme 74, 67, 75, 218: M Xing 72, 74, 72, 219: C Gritists 71, 74, 72, 220: D Ames 77, 68, 78, 17 Whishouse 73, 72, 221: N Fox 74, 68, 78, 17 Whishouse 73, 76, 72, 222: N Materiagn 76, 67, 72, 10 Seein 76, 72, 222; N Matthews 79, 69, 74; I Vesie 78, 74, 70; G Sterm 72, 71, 79; A Westhanghi 75, 75, 72, 224; S Williams 76, 74, 74; M Smith 75, 77, 72, 225; L Harpen 75, 76, 73; I Cumpbol 78, 75, 72

HOCKEY

BUENOS AIRES: Ouadrangular Interna-tional tournament: Argentino B 0 England 3. KUALA LUMPUR: Suitan Azien Shah tournament: Melaysia 1 Canada 2: Pais-sian 6 South Korca 2. Germany 3. New Zes-land 0 Standings: 1, Palvstan 6pts, 2, Ger-meny 6: 3. New Zesland 3.

land 0 Standings: 1, Pakusan épis, 2, Germeny 6: 3, New Zealand 3
DEN BOSCH, Netherlands: Women's European club chemylonahip: Division & Group & Rot-Weiss Cocore 5 Moscow Practa 2, Edicturgh L 3 Stava Prague 2; Cologno 1 Esinburgh L 2 Practa 4 Sieva 3. Final postitions: 1, Practa 4 Sieva 3. Final postitions: 1, S'Hertogenbosch 6 Rim Geodno (Bela) 0; Sough 2 Kolos Borsonol (Ulor) 0; S-Hertogenbosch 6 Rim Geodno (Pela) 0; Sough 2 Kolos Borsonol (Ulor) 0; S-Hertogenbosch 6 Rim Geodno (Pela) 0; Sough 2 Kolos Borsonol (Ulor) 0; S-Hertogenbosch 8 Sough 3, Borsopol 0 Grodno 1 Pinal postitions: 1, S'Hertogenbosch 9; 2, Sough 6, 3, Grodno 3.
EIROPEAN CLIP WitteNERS' CUP; Meris Division A (In Amsterdam); Group A: Amsterdam 6; Meris (Bela) 0; Poczowac (Pol) 4 Three Rock Rovers (Pel) 2, Hard postitions: 1, Amsterdam 9; 2, Poczowice 6; 3, Three Rock Rovers Group B: Dinamo Balerinburg (Russ) 1 Reeston 2, Ariético Tenassa (Sp) 3 Like 2; Eisternburg (Huss) 3 Affetto 2, Beeston 2 Like 2; Final postitions: 1, Amsterdam 9; 2, Poczowice 8; 3, Three Rock Rovers Division A (In Tenassa Spani) Group A: Amsterdam 15; Barneul (Russ) 2; Western (Scoi) 0; CD Tenassa 8; Barnaul (Russ) 1; Final postitions: 1, Amsterdam 9; 2, CD Terassa 4; 3, Western 4, Group 8; Dinamo Surry (Uly) 1; Crition (Eng) 1; Eistern 5; Postition 2; Postitions: 1, Amsterdam 9; 2, CD Terassa 4; 3, Western 4, Group 8; Dinamo Surry (Uly) 1; Crition (Eng) 1; Eistern 5; Postitions: 1, Refiner 9; 2, Surry 4; 3, Ciffon 2.

BUROPEAN YOUTH TROPHY: Under-18 (in Belast): Boys: Group A: Beigum 3 Scoland 2. Soan 2. The Netherlands 4 Span 5 Beigum 3. Scoland 2. The Netherlands 4. Span 5 Beigum 3. Scoland 2. The Netherlands 9. Final positions: 1. The Netherlands 9. England 3. Germany 4. Ireland 2. France 0. England 3. Germany 4. Ireland 2. Germany 2. England 5. France 0. Ireland 2. Germany 6. 3. Ireland 4. Girls: Group A: Scotland 0. The Netherlands 9. 2. Span 3. Scotlands: 1. The Netherlands 9. 2. Span 3. Scotlands: 3. Group B: England 2. Germany 4. Ireland 2. France 0. Ireland 0. England 2. France 0. Germany 6. Final positions: 1. Germany 9. 2. England 6. 3. Ireland 3. Under-18 (in Answer). Boys: England 2. Germany 4. Ireland 2. France 0. Sepan 4. England 2. Germany 5. Girls: England 1. France 1. Semi-finals: Spain 6. Germany 1. The Netherlands 2. England 1.

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY

SEXONIDA PLAY-OFF CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Cardiff Devils 5 Manchester Storm 0, Notingham Partitles: 4 Bracknell

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RUGBY LEAGUE

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SAILING

CLIPPER ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE: Leg 4a (Hony Kong to Singapore, with

meet to finish): 1, Amope ilk Hams) 997 2 2, Anel (A Thomson) 997 5, 3, Chrischler Ti Heddest J. Cili 3, 3, Memorus, (B Solland 1,016, 5, Tacping iN Fleming): 1,017, 6, Senca (B Dean): 1,050, 7, Thermopylac (M Tod): 1,050 **TENNIS**

SHOOTING

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SWIMMING

HONG KONG: World short-course championships: Meri: Breessatious: 1 Pisalessin (Save) 59 65-65c; 2 D Floravani (ii) 59.88, 3, M Knabe (Car) 59.93 Butterfly: 200m; 1, Hickman (GB) Irms 52 f1sec, 2, T Yamamoto Liepani 1 54 65, 3, D Staniev (Uri 1 55 41 Modiey: 100m; 1, 55 erroren IFI) 54 18, 2, M Dami IAur; 54 77, 3, J Andersen (Den) 55 05 Women: Freestyte: 50m; 1, 1 de Brun (Holl: 24 55, 2, J Thompson (US) 24 57, 3, 4 Mont I, M Chemezone (Res) 24 52, 2, 2 One Cam; (Chris) 4405 24, 3, J Maiar (Can) 4405 83, Backstroke: 50m; 1, 5 VoGer (Ger) 27 63, 2, M Nekamura (Japan) 27 73, 3, M McMillan (Aus) 26 29, Mediley: 100m; 1, M Moracovis (Swokaka) 100 20 (European record), 2, L Munz (Aus) 10 11 40; 3, O Votewka (Fluss) 10 15 (European record), 2, L Munz (Aus), 10 10 (European record), 2, Holiand 3 39 40, 3, Australia, 3 39 82,

One-day internationals

Pakistan A v England LAHORE (Palestan A won loss) England best Palestan A by four wickets

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Total (50 overs) 219
FALL OF WICKETS 1.26, 2-41, 3-71, 4-156, 5-162, 8-173, 7-188, 8-206, 9-217
BOWLING. Gough 10-1-41-3; Mullally 7-0-31-0, Eathern (0-0-23-2, Croft 10-0-53-1, Finitelt 7-1-19-3; Hollosies 4-0-27-0, Hick 3-0-20-1

ENGLAND
N V Knight at Humayun b Mushtaq.......
1 A J Stewart c Wager b Kabir
G A Hick c Humayun b Kebir.......

Total (6 wids, 47.4 overs) 220 R D B Croft, D Gough and A D Multally did

R D B C702, D CODURT SINC A D MANAGEM SECOND FOR THE PROPERTY A 1-10, 2-22, 3-117, 4-140, 5-151, B-181, B-142-1; Kabir Khan 10-34-3; Shabbir Ahmed 7-0-39-0; Seld Shah 10-1-28-0; Mushkaq Ahmed 10-0-53-1; Ahmed Shah Roman A Abem Der. Derrick: Skidig Khan and Abem Der.

LAHORE (England won loss): England beet Peldstan A by 119 runs (D/L method)

AJ Holicake, MA Estrem, ID Austra, AR C Freter and A D Mutelly did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-161, 2-198, 3-221.

BOWLING: Warper Younis 10-0-47-0; Sapd Sheh 9-1-52-1; Shebbir Ahmed 10-0-68-0;

sain 10-1-49-2, Saced Anwar Jr 1-0-14-0

BISLEY CLUBS OPEN EASTER MEET-ING: The Saturday 300 yards: 1 J Bullos/75 12pts, 2 A Opine 75 11, 3, R Lusty 75 11 The Saturday 900 yards: 1 C Johnstone 75 9, 2 G Carke 75 B, 3, R Lygoe 75 B Saturday aggregate: 1, P Johnson 149-23 2, Clarke 149, 19, 3, Cosive 149, 19, Sanday Gueen's E 1, S Smalkacod 105, 13, 2 Opine 125 12, 3 V. Gendore 105, 11 300m; 1, C White 196 4, 2 G Mcms, 193 3, 3, R Hawkey 192 5 PLYMOUTH PAVILIONS: British Opera-First round: M Hot (Eng) bi J Watana (Thai 5-4; N Walter (Eng) bi D Haroid (Eng) 5-4, A McManus (Scot) bi A Burden (Eng) 5-3, D Henry (Scot) wb S Lee (Eng). M Wil-lams (Wales) bi J Penry (Eng) 5-2. C Ham-son (Eng) bi W Shaddon (Scot) 5-3 M King (Eng) bi B Mapsione (Eng) 5-2

Seinasi HILTON MEAD, South Carolina: WTA Family Circle Cup: Quarter-finels: M Hing-is (Switz) bit N Zvereva (Belan 6-0, 7-6, J Novotha (C2) bit H Naggova (Stovaka) 6-2, 6-4, P Schnyder (Switz) bit E Lishoviseva (Russi 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, A Nournikova (Russi bit A Gless (Ger) 6-2, 2-1, ret Semi-finels: Hings. bit Novotha 6-2, 6-3, Kournikova bit Schnyder 6-7, 6-0, 6-3.

PAKISTAN A

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Total (35 overs) 121
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-44, 3-57, 4-73, 5-93, 6-112, 7-120, 8-120, 9-121
BOWLING Mullally 5-0-17-0, Fraser 9-2-32-2, Austin 5-0-19-1; Hollicake 7-0-27-0, Hor 6-1-19-5, Eathern 1-0-1-2
Umpires, Sciditiq Khan and Aleem Dar

Pakistan v India BANGALORE (Palestan won toss). Pelestan beat India by 123 runs

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Pepsi Cup final

PAKISTAN A

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RUGBY UNION

Tetley's Bitter Cup Semi-finals chmond: Pen: Vara. Newcaetle: Tries Ingresia 2, Cons. Andrew, Wilenson

35 Gloucester Wesps Waspe: Tries: Henderson, Logan, Sampson, Volley Come: Logan 3 Pens: Logan 3. Gloucester: Pens: Maplefolt 8 Dropped goel: Sanders HT: 16-12 Att: 10.064 **Allied Dumbar Premiership**

Bath: Tries: Balchaw, penalty try Can Pens: Cat 4 Leiesster: Try: Pensity try Con: Howard Pens: Simpson 3 HT: 9-6 At: 8.200

30 London trish 27 Sale: Tries: Bifs, Greening, Howarth.
Cons: Howarth 3, Pens: Howarth 2
Dropped goat; Howarth. London Irish:
Tries: Gallagher, Hervey, O'Shea. Cons:
Currungham 3, Pens: Currungham 2, HT:
20-24, Att: 3,315

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 Richmond deducted 2pts Second division

Blackbeath 22 Leeds Blackheath: Tries: Allkan, Booth, Clarke, Cons: Allkan, Arnor Pen; Advan Leeds: Tries: S Esslerby, Foune, James, Middle-ton, H Others, Scales Cons: Turpulotu 2, ton, H O'Here, Scales Cons: Tupulotu 2, Perc Tupulotu HT: 5-13

Bristol 149 Rugby 13 Bristol Tries: Nationo 3, Batter 2, Al Chor-ron, Gattey, Hull Comst. Hull 3 Pent: Hull. Rugby: Try Bale. Const. M. Davies, Pents: M. Davies 2 HT: 22-3 Att. 2,615

Roso, Willis Pent B Easton, HT: 14-8

Moseley 18 Worcester 16 Moneley: Tries: Brading, Merlin. Cont. A Birris, Pens: A Birris 2. Worcester: Try: Goodwirt Cont. J Liley Pens: J Liley 3 HT: 10-6

18 London Weish 15 Orrelf Orrelt Triest Johnson, Lacey Cont Verbickas, Pene: Verbickas 2 London Welsh: Triest Lune, Rowland Philips, T Shankin, HT: 7-15 Att 750 um 43 Pylde

Rotherbase: Tries: Las. Pair, Schmid. Shephert, Snidar, Wade, West Const Nar-chos 4. Pylder Try: O'Toole Con: Loston Pens: Lodon 3 HT: 28-10 Whitefield: Try: Breheny Pens: Ashtorih 3-Waterloo: Tries: Holl, Stewart. Cons: L Griffins 2, Pens: L Griffiths 2. HT: 8-13 Att: 500

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Worcester deducted 2pts "Worcester deducted 2pts
LEADING SCORERS: 255: S Gough (Coventry, 9 tres. 39 conversions, 44 penalty goals) 210: S Tupulotir (Leeds, 3, 28c, 49pg), 197: B Easson (Exeler, 1), 30c, 44bg) 183: L Griffiers (Waterloo, 2, 21c, 43pg) 183: McManes (Rugby 2, 19c, 35pg), 141: R Le Bas (Worcester, 41, 23c, 25pg), 138: D Lefey (Worcester, 11, 11c, 37pg), 137: P Hull (Bristot 4, 30c, 19pg), 136: S Verbackes (Orest, 41, 16c, 28pg), Tries; 15: B Wade (Romerham), 12: A Larion (Bristof).

Jewson National League First division

Camberley: Try: State: Pens: G Gragory 3 Harrogate: Tries: Fanar 2, McClaren Cons: Cholewa 2, McClaren Pen: Cholewa, HT: 3-10. 39 Liverpool St.H 8 Henley: Tries: Ayres, Davies, R Osman, Roke, J Sampson, Sharp, M Venner, Consc. Roke 2. Liverpool St H: Try: Wood. Pen: Worsley, HT: 12-8, Att: 550,

Lydney 8 Rosslyn Park 6 Lydney: Pens: Osborne 2. Rosslyn Paric Pens: T Knowles 2. H7; 3-3 Manchester 26 Newbury 21 Manchester: Tries: Swindels, Wilsens Cons: Swindels 2 Pens: Swindels 4. New-bury: Tries: Biaka 2, Curis, Hove, Hyde. Coras: Graham 3. H7: 20-12 25 BisnovSofficial 10

Mortey Mortey: Tries: Neivalura, A Sales, Titien, Cons: Barnber 2. Pens: Barnber 2. Ethann/ Solthull: Try: Allen, Con: M Birch, Pens: M Birch, HT: 17-3. Nottingham 39 Whiterfedale 7 Nottingham: Tries: Freer 2, Bracley, Dela-rey, Lloyd. Con: C Aforson. Pens: C Atian-son 4. Wharfedale: Try: Mounsey. Con: Paers. HT: 20-7

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Liverpool St H 25 4 0 21 318 809 8
SECOND DIVISION NORTH: Aspatria 21
Shelfield 22: New Brighton 44 Whitchurch
27, Preston Grasstroppers 57 Hindsey 11,
Stourbridge 18 Nendel 15; Walsal 24 Sedgley Park 10; Whrtington Park 8 Sandel 53
Postponed: Nunection Vertifield. Second
division south: Barking 56 Redruth 20;
Bridgwater 48 Mel Police-17; Chellenharn
15 Havent 12, Cittion 39 Taberd 20, Esher
33 Norwich 0, North Walshern 43 Westonsuper-Mare 17, Plymouth 12 Bracknell 64

Welsh League

Premier division Campbilly 13 Ebbw Vale Caerphilly: Try: Wintle. Con: Devey. Pens: Davey 2. Elabar Valle: Tries: Harries, Liewellyn. Con: Strange Pens: Strange 3. Dropped goal: Strangs. HT: 10-6.

10 Lianelli 83 Aberavon 10
Lianelli 133 Aberavon 10
Lianelli Tries: Proctor 3, Finau 2, (Boobyer, Booth, J Davies, Hodges, Jenkine, M Thomas, Voyle, Werlow, Const S Jones 6, Hayward 3 Aberavon: Try: C Rees, Conc C Rees, Perc C Rees, HT, 21-10. Neeth 83 Pontypridd 21
Neeth: Tries: 2 pensity tries, Colderley, 6
Evans, Gerrard, S. Williams, Coast M.
Pearce 4. Pensit M. Pearce 4. Dropped
goal: M. Pearce Pontypridd: Tries: Alan
Griffans, Paul John, Geraint Lewis, Morgan,
Williams, Coast Wyst 3. HT; 23-24.

Newport 33 Birldgend 0 Newport: Tries: Gray, Popham, D Smith, Snow, M Walkins. Cores: Mischell 4. HT: 5-0.

Snow, M Walkins, Cores: Mischell 4, HT: 5-0.

PW D L F A Y B Pts
Lianelli 1411 0 3 566 238 77 14 47
Penhyprodd 1310 0 3 499 257 65 8 39
Ebbw Vale 1310 0 3 499 257 65 8 39
Nearth 14 8 0 8 412 255 51 8 36
Caerphilly 13 6 1 8 299 391 33 1 20
Newport 14 4 0 10 319 4184 0 6 18
Bridgerd 13 3 1 9 240 405 27 2 12
Aberavon 14 1 0 13 234 635 30 2 5 First division

Abertiflery 24 Liendovery 18
Abertiflery: Tries: Miles, pensity by, D Wiliams, Wroth Cons: Wilters 2 Liendovery: Try: M Morgan Con; Hencox. Pens: Hancor 4, HT: 10-9

Bonymaen: Tries: Batslord, Den Hawtons, David Hawkins Con: G Jonea Pene: Q Jones 2 UWIC: Pen: Welsh HT: 8-3 26 Tredeger 13 **Dumvant**

Durwant: Tries: Hawkins, Kita, Manaseta-va, Rees: Cons: Daniel 3. Tredegar: Try: C Thomas: Con: M Jones 2 HT: 7-7. 10 Blackwood

Manstag: Try: M Morgan Cost: R Davies.
Per: R Davies Blackwood: Trios: Veater
2, D Thomas, Willishine. Cons: Brown 2
Pen: Brown HT: 3-17. Merthyr 41 S Wales Police 20 Merthyr: Tries: Berwood, M Daves, J Lloyd, Morgan, Skotil, R Williams Cone: Bryent 3, J Lloyd Penc Bryant, S Wales Police: Tries: Apsee, Gronow, penalty by Corr. Sparrow Dropped goal: S Prichard, HT: 12-3.

Newbridge 24 Cross Keys 10
Newbridge: Tries: Lucae, Penyment, M
Smith. Cons: Williams 3. Pen: Williams
Cross Keys: Try: Nicholis. Con: Cooper,
Pen: Cooper, HT: 14-10 34 Rustiney Tonda: Tries: Armstrong, K Hacking, Howels, Thomas, Welsh, Colla: Welsh 2; Howels, Peak Welsh, Ballmanny: Tries: P Bow-cott 2; Cort: Device, HT; 19-0. Treorchy 17 Postypool 20
Treorchy 17 Postypool 20
Treorchy Tries: Moris, Owen, Consc.
Langmead 2. Perr Langmead. Parthypool:
Tries: Jenions, Sava, M Vuripool. Con: Silva. Dropped goal: Silva. HT: 17-5.

SECOND DIVISION: Liantricant 20 Mountain Ach 22; Celutale 41 Narberth 17; Phyrmany 20 Liantrican 12; St Peter's 16 Abertynon 19; Tenby Utd 86 Pyle 5; Wiednam 29 Kenfig Hill 24; Ystradgynius 25 Whitland 12. Anglo-Welsh club matches Swammer 12 London Scot 27
Swammer Tries; S Davies, ponsity ty
Core Back, London Scot: Pens: De Beer
7. Dropped geale; De Beer, McAustand.
HT: 5-12.

W Hardspool 26 Cardiff W Hardepool: Tries: Benson, Fanel, Wish. Corr. Benson, Pensic Benson 3 Car-diff. Tries: Morgan 3, Botham, Javes, R Jones, Couse Botham 2, Javes 2 Pensic Javis 4, HT: 16-14, Att. 800

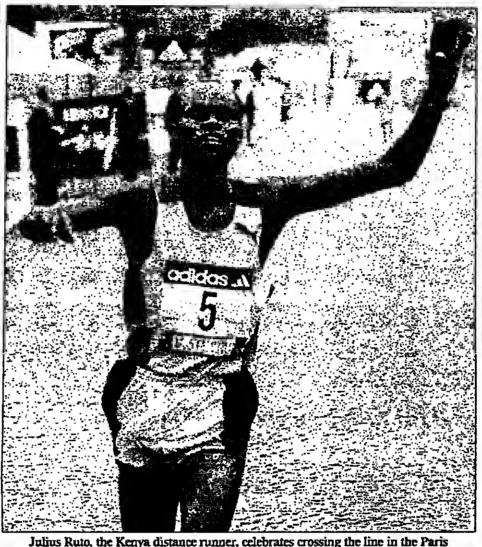
Tennent's Velvet Cup Semi-finals Baroughandr 15 Kelso

Boroughaut 19 Neuro 40 Boroughauter Tries; Cackew, C Howarth Core C Howarth Petr C Howarth Kelsoc Tries; K Alberts 3, Ross, Richerford Const Alcheson 3 Penes Alcheson 2. Dropped goal: Alcheson HT: 3-22, Alt: 1,500 26 Metrose 22
Gelec Tries: Perker, C Townsend, Pents:
Parker 8 Metrose: Tries: M Brown, McGarva; Mozis Cons: McGarva 2 Pent McGarva HT: 20-8

Tennent's Velvet Premiership First division

10 Wof Scotland 29 Currie: Tries: Reed, Snedden. West of Snotland: Tries: Mchroy 2 Curts, McLeod. Cons: Curts 3. Pent Curts. HT: 5-8.

Scotland: Tries: McInroy 2, Curis, McLeod.
Cons: Cures 3, Pent Curis, Hr. 5-8.
Watsonisms: Tries: Delcon, S. Hastings,
Raybum, J. Weston, Cons: Addreson 2.
Penne: Altchison 3. Dropped goal:
Altchison, HT: 25-0.
THIRD DWISSION: East Kilbride 38 Siewarts Mel FP 17.
ARS LEAGUE: First division: Cork. Constitution 21 Bellymens 12. Second division:
Deny 46 Dolphin 9, Dungammon 24 Bective
Rangers 22, Old Belveders 97 UCC 29, Old
Crescent 17 Gasystones 20: Storries 22 Bellymeninch 6; Wenderser 36 Portsdown 12.
FRENCH CHAMBHONSHEP: Pool one:
Bourgon 12 Toutouse 12. Agon 13 Bismitz
8. Pool two: Colomiers 30 Stade Français
22, Nestoniva 39 Pau 5 Pool three: Costres 30 Perpignan 23, Osx 9 Bigles-Bordeaux 20. Pool tour: Mortferand 48 Grenoble 25: Toulon 25 Bwe 22.
SUPER: 12 TOURNAMERT: Seturday:
New South Wales 20 Auckland 21: Wallado
18 Olego 27: Coesta Starks 18 Wollington
34: Western Stormers 35 Outersland: 14.
Golden Cals 57 Northern Bulls 24.
WORLD: Cup QUALIFYENG MATCH:
First round, second leg: South Korea 78
The Netherlands 14 (in Sook: South Korea
48, Romana 18 England 27; Ireland 20
South Africa 27; New Zealand 27; Ireland 30
Second division: Portugal 10 Casch Republic 6; Uraine 14 Paraguay 10; Aussia
13 Span 19; Belgum 13 Germany 23.
Third division: Tawan 17 The Netherlands
12, Crosia 19 Bazai 19, Nory Cost 6 Morroco 9; Lucembourg 8 Andorra 21



marathon yesterday. His winning time of 2hr 8min 10sec set a new record for the event

ATHLETICS

Road running

PARTS MARATHON'S Mess: 1, J Ruto (Ken)
2in Bran 10sec; 2, P Kipsambu (Ken)
208.25; 3, M Kalombo (DCI) 208.40; 4, F
Korop (ken) 208.44; 5, E Lagaf (Ken)
228.10; 2, I Trodayeva (Rus)
227.46; 3, M Yamanuch (Lapan) 228.52; 4, A Tecula
(Rom) 230.14, 5, S Sabtua (Rom) 230.56.
NEWPORT, GWENT: Newport 10 milese
1, D Roson (Bridgend) 49mn 57sec, 2, S
Tobin (Swarsea) 50.32; 3, P Cook (Barry &
Vale) 50.41, Tesser: 1, Nesth; 2, San Domerici; 3, Les Croupers: Veltarians: 1, H Dey
(Portypridd Rodents) 54:55; 2, K Wilsonson
(San Domerico) 55:47; 3, B Johnston (Les
Croupers) 56:00 Over-50; J Pornton (Pontypidd Rodents) 55:55. Veltarians tesser:
San Domerico Over-50; H Caylon (Maland Vels) 59:33. Worsen: 1, D Creventon
(Newport) 10:03:4; 2, S Bratherick (Pressel)
131:41, 3, G Edwards (Les Croupers)
108:07. Tesmas: 1, Las Croupers
STOCKLEY PARK, Hayes: Pures TVH
road relays: Milen (S x3 7 miles): 1, Aldershot, Familiam and Destrict 10:111, 3, 3,
R Pent, Aldershot, Familiam 7, Destria)
17:17 Veteratins (3 x 3 7 miles): 1, Nare Valley Harriers 56:28, 2 Herrow 57:43, 3, Aldershot, Familiam and District 58:07 Festeet
lag: 5 Ken (London Insh) 18:39. Women
(3 x 37 miles): 1, Nare Valshot, Familiam and District 58:07 Festeet
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(3 x 37 miles): 1, Hourslow 1 02:27, 2,
Pures TVH 1:05:18: 3, Sharteobury Barnet
(100.043): 100:07. Pures TVH; and A Podday
(Shethesbury Barnet) 20:39.
REDCARE Bydeles 10mm: 1, T Wall (Morpeth) 30mm 40see (course record). 2, J

(Morpoth) 32:20 Yearn: New Marske 77pts. Veteran: A Livingoion (New Merske) 34:07. Over-50: N Soution (Scarbouch) 36:50: Over-50: Barries (Darlingon) 38:55. Year-ers: 1. K. Matthew (Middlesbrough and Clovilland) 35:59 (sourse record); 2, R. Winyward (Durham Cay) 38:49; 3, R. Adams (Elvet Strickers) 41:55.
FOR MISSTOME: CRETTampole: 18 critics: 1.

vet Sinders) 41:55.
FOLUESTONEE CONTINUED to miles: 1,
B Royden (Mediway) 51 min 18eoc; 2, C Lawrence (London Inst) 53:15. Tearns: Mediway Veteran: M Frowthodge (derbord 56:12. Over-50: M Rouse (imada East Kent) 57:12. Over-50: M Rouse (imada East Kent) 57:12. Over-50: E Campbell (Places Road Anners) 1:07:17.
Women: 1, S Eastell (S Edmunds Poors) 1:02:20: 2, J Freser (Invida East Kent) 1:05:48. Veteran: A Dyet (Derbord) 1:05:48. Veteran: A Dyet (Derbord) 1:15:18.

105:48. Veteran: A Dyett (Dartford)
1:18:18. Veteran: A Dyett (Dartford)
1:18:18. NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: Elements
road relays: Men (4 x 2 1 miles); 1, Morpath 42min 42sec, 2, Morpeth 8 42-59, 3,
Chester-le-Street 43 06 Feathest lage 1, M
Hudspith (Morpeth) 10:00; 2, I Hudspith
(Morpeth) 10:00; 3, B Rushworth (Sunchrland) 10:20 Veteranse: 1, Walsbard, 44.11
(course record); 2, Sunchertend 46:56; 3, Ebwick 46:59, Fastlest lage; P Saint (Welbeard)
10:44. Wemen (2,1 miles); 1, D Henaghan
(Morpeth) 11:45; 2, J Boltz (Blaydon) 12:25;
3, S Rutherford (Derington) 12:23 Teams:
1, Dartington 28pus; 2, Chester-le-Suset 34;
3, Elswick 36
MADEINHEAD: Holldery Lim Easter 10
miles: 1, A Hawkins (Bristo) 51min 38sec;
2, K Corpec (Adearsto), Farnham and Diebrind) 52:07. Teams: 1, Reneligin 46;5; 2, Chilem Hamers 96, 3, Mederthead 111, Vetererr, W Gnstwood (Faling, Southall and Mdresdington Road Rumers) 59:24, 2, 1
Whiley (Reading Road Rumers) 3 01:13; 3,

Z Hannern (Bracknell Forest) 1:01:36. Teate: Reading Road Runners 578. Fell running

Fell running
HORWICH, Luneashire: Waleh Rivington Pike race (3.25M, 700ft): Merc 1, N Wikinson (\$3.60mt) 17min 15sec, 2. C Ruberts (Konda) 17:32: 3, J Tinyfor (Singley) 17:48; 5, S Otifield (Bradford Airedale, M40) 1754; 6, M Cayton (Howard), 125; 6, M Cayton (Howard), 125; 6, M Cayton (Howard), 125; 6, M Caghon (Howard), 1826; 7, R.Jedson (\$3.80mt) 18:18; 8, S Otifield (Bradford Airedale, M40) 1754; 6, M Cayton (Howard), 1826; 10, N Leigh (Atricham) 18:26; 10, N Leigh (Atricham) 18:26; 10, N Leigh (Atricham) 18:30. Over-45: A Steele (Hoddine) 20:51. Over-55: T Hosledth (Howard) 18:59. Over-55: T Hosledth (Howard) 18:59. Over-55: T Hosledth (Howard) 22:49. Over-55: B Rodgers (Notham Vats AC) 28:30. Over-76: A Roberson (Howard) 25:59: S Rodgers (Notham Vats AC) 28:30. Over-76: A Roberson (Howard) 26:02. Teams 1, Salford 19bis; 2, Howard 28:3, Bodion 71 Womers 1, J Clark (Pudsey and Bramley) 20:34: 3, J Shottier (Pudsey and Bramley), W35) 21:34: 3, J Shottier (Pudsey and Bramley), W35) 22:32: 4, J Burthorm (Warmoglon, W35) 22:32: 4, J Burthorm (Warmoglon, W35) 22:35: Twent Chorley Hamet 44.

Track and field

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ENFELD: Data Connection Oper: Men:
190n: T Alpoptor (Enfeld and Haringey)
18 3se: 300m: A Stephie (Enfeld and Haringey)
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1.24 3.1,000m: S Cernington (Enfeld and Haringey)
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2.49.1,3,000m: S Read (Enfeld and Haringey)
3.9.3, Women: 150m: C Manning (Wood-lord Green and Essex Ladies)
19.8,300m: R DSulfwan (Havannig Mayesblook)
1.48 4 1,000m: L Rowo (Enfeld and Haringey)
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BASKETBALL BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Saturday:

BUDWESSEN LEAKSUR: Samarday: Emmingham Bulles 82 Greater London Lappards 74; Dorby Storm 85 Latoaster Riches 87; Tharmes Valloy Tipers 112 Cheeter Jets 100; Worthing Bears 88 Newcastle Eagles 100. Trestenday: Greater London Leopards 98 London Towars 88.

Sheffield Sharks
Manchester Giants
Thames Valley Tigers
London Towers
Newcaste Eagles
Derby Storm
Birmingham Bullets
Greater London
Edinburgh Rocks
Mitton Keynes Lions
Chester Jels
Leicester Riders
Worthing Bears
NATIONAL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NBL): Men: Second division: Possmouth 69 North-ampton 83. Women: First division: Birmingham 54 Northampton 60. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Final: Cheimstord 39 Wandsworth 60.
JUNIOR MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Final:
Birmingham 66 Eafing 61.
CADET MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Final: CADET MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Flash:
London T 64 Northempton 54.
JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP:
Finet: Sheffold H 72 Ware 21.
CADET WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP:
Finet: Ware 43 Stockpon 68
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA):
Friday: Boston 83 Mineulose 84: Philadelphia 80 Cleveland 85; Atlanta 84 Vancouver 81, Inclarne 87 Charlotte 81; Minnesote
107 Denver 88; Los Angoles Lakers 91
Phoenix 90; Orlando 115 Chicago 68,
Utah 82 Goldon State 85, Portland 107

Leicester v West Ham; Middlesbrough v Charton NATONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Tranmere, Bradford v Portsmouth, Bristol City Gnmsby, Crewe v Port Vale; Oxford Utd v Bury, Queers Park Rangers v West Bromwich, Stockport v Shelfield Utd Sunderland v Huddersheld, Swindon v Birmigham, Westord v Botton; Wichverhampton v Crystal Palace, Second division; Blackpool v Reading, Colchester v Wassall, Fulfram v Wigon, Macclesfield v Preston, Manchester Cay v Lincoln; Northampton v Luton, Notis County v Chesterfield; Oldham v Burnley; Solve v Braid Rovers; Wiredham v Wycombe, York v Milwell, Third division: Barnet v Scarborough, Cambridge Utd v Hastrey, Carriste v Peterborough, Danin gton v Torquey; Hartispool v Chester; Hull v Eveter, Leyton Onent v Cardiff; Mansfeld v Southerd, Plymouth v Brighton, Rochdele v

Southend, Plymouth v Brighton, Rochdale v Rotherham: Sounthorpe v Brentlard. FA UMBRO TROPHY: Semi-finels, first

ra Usebro TROPHY: Semi-finels, first leg: Ningstonan v Chettenhern. St Alberts v Forest Green
NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Hednestord v Berrow, Leak v Hayes; Morecambe v Kiddeminster. Northwort v Teloot, Stevenage v Dover. Welling v Southport. Woking v Famborough.

V PATODOOUS:
TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-finat: Celtic v Dundee Uid (at lorox).
BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Kilmamock v Aberdaen,
Motherwell v Dundee.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Air-dne v Falkirk, Clydebank v Hamilton; Raith v Hamman, S. Mirren V greenock Mortion Stramaer v Ayr Second division: Alica v Ai-broath; Forlar v Queen of South; Inverness

RUGBY UNION

Seattle 95. Saturday: New Jersey 88 Miami 77; Toronto 87 Washington 85. Detroit 77 Orlando 92; Minnesota 105 Sacramento 96, San Antorio 103 Los Angeles Clippers 82, Golden State 81 Los Angeles Lakers 76, Portland 98 Phoenix 99.

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY FOOTBALL Nick-off 3.0 unless stated

" denotes all-tickel Pools coupon numbers in brackets FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP (2) Coventry v Southampton ...
(3) Everton v Shelf Wednesday | January | Jan

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

(10) Bury v Bradford (11) C Patace v Sundertand (12) Gransby v Norwich (12 15) (12) Gransby v Norwich (12 15) (13) (14) Standon (13) Huddersield v Swindon...
(13) Huddersield v Swindon...
(14) Ipswch v OPR
(15) Port Vale v Barnsley
(16) Portsmouth v Bristol City
(17) Shell 1 Li Mahamanata

SECOND DIVISION (20) Bristol R v (Jorthampion

(21) Burnley v Colchesier (22) Chesterfield v Stoke (23) Lincoln v Noits County... (24) Milwell v Black pool.

THIRD DIVISION

1291 Brentford v Plymouth (30) *Cardifi v Huli (31) Chester v Barne: (32) Exeter v Leyton Orient (33) Halilax v Rochdale (1.0) (34) Peterborough v Danington (35) Rathorham v Suansea (38) Scarborough v Carlisle (37) Southend v Scunthorpe (7 45)

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE

(48) Welling v Høyes.....(49) Woking v Rushden & D SCOTTISH LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

(---) Dumbarton v Cowdenbeath.....

Town V Scienti Sudden V Seeman V Station State V Newport AFC UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Barribei Bridge v Accompton Statiey (7:30). Chortey v Lancaster. Colwyn Bay v Afrincham, Emiky v Guiseley, Frickley v Soriam, Emiky v Guiseley, Frickley v Soriams, Hyde v Whriby, Leigh RiM v Matrie, Rundom v Winstord, Worksop v Gainsborough First division African v Burscough; Astron United v Droyleden, Farsley Cellic v Bradford Px Ave. Great Harwood v Congleton, Harropate Town v Radicitic, Huckhall Town v Eastwood Town, Mallock Town v Beger Town, Stocksbridge PS v Lincoln United, Trafford v Fluton; Whitey Bay v Greina; Albon v Netherfield kendal

RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aldershot Town v Basingstoko. Billencay v Heyondge, Bishop's Sjorflord v Boreham Wood (all Hitchin Town); Chesham v Aylesbury, Grevesen'd v Broniey; Hempton v Walton and Hersham, Purtiest v Dagenham and Rectondge, Stough v Dutwich, St Alberts v Enteld, Sution United v Carshalton. First division: Barton Rovers v Hitchin, Bognor Riegs v Worthing, Braininse v Carney is sand. Chertsey v Staines; Croydon v Leatherhead, Oxford City v Madernhead, Bortford v Grays. Weeddstone v Berkhamsted: Whyteleale v Molesey, Yeading v Urbindge Beoond division: Challont St Peter v Windson and Eton, Harthow v Barking, Herthord v Hempstead; Horsham v Banstead, Hungerford v Abrigdon Town, Leghtion Town v Bedtord T; Northwood v Edyware, Thama Uld v Marlow, Wilhem v Wivenhoe; Wokingham v Brachnell Third division: Epsom and Ewell v Tibury.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Alen Lido v Carmanhen Town (2:30), Caemarion v Bergor Cay (2:30), Caermarion v Bergor Cay (2:30), Caermarion v Bergor Cay (2:30), Rhyly Convey (2:30). Rhyly Convey (2:30). Rhyly Convey (3:30). Stell Premier division: Bellymena v Omagh; Colarane v Newy.

sion: Ballymena v Umagi, Coleane v Newy,
SCHWEPPES ESSEX SENIOR LEACUE:
Premier dryston: Brenwood v Eton Manor, Concord Rangers v Bowers Umled, East
Ham v Ilford, Great Wakering v Southend
Manor, Hufbridge Sports v Besiden U; Salinon Walden v Burnham Ramblers; Stansted v Sewbridgeworth. v Sawbridgeworth.
COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon v North Legh Almondsbury v Parford: Hallen v Bloster, Harrow Hill v Didcor; Knibury v Tuffley

Tuffley
ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE:
First division: Bedington Temers v Morpeth Town, Jamow Roofing v Billengham,
Marske v Gusborough
WINSTONLEAD KEINT LEAGUE: Premier
division: Cray v Bedkenham; Deal v Ramsgate, Greenwich v Entit, Home Bay v Witustable Town, Hythey Turphotige Welst, Lodswood v Chatham, VCD v Themesmead.
SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premiser
division: Bishop Sutton v Twerton: Melisham v Barnstaple, Paulion R v Odd Down.
Taunton v Bndgweler, Yeovil TR v Bideford

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MID-LANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mi-ton Keynes v New Bradwell SI Peter, Somer-sett Ambury V Toddington COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: AFC Waling-ton'd v Hartley Whitey, Ash v Chessington and Hook; Ashtord v Badloni; Cobitarn v Westfield, Cranlegh v Fetham, Godelming and Guiddord v Netherns. Mentifiam v Mer-sthem, Raynes Park Vale v Reading Town, Sendhurst v Cove, Wiring Sports v Famham, Walton Casuals v Chipstead BANKS'S BEPEWREY L FAMILE: Premier

REDCAR: Bydeles 10km: 1, T Wall (Mor-peth) 30mm 40sec (course record), 2, J Lews (Sunderland) 32.11, 3, A Henderson

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Euingstell v Bustleholme, Gornel A v Tipton Town: Luciow T v Stafford T JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v Waton; Felixstowe Port and Town v Stowmarke, Great Yamouth v Gorieston; Histon v Wartoys, Ipswich v Harwich and Parkeston; Lowestott v Woodbridge Town, Majdon v Hastead; Newmarke, v Bury Town, Soham v Ely, Sudbury Town v Sadbury Wanderers. JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: AFC Newbury v Thatcham Town; Tot-ton v BAT, Boumemouth v Christchurch; ton v BAI, Bornenburn v Chrischurdt Brockenhurst v Lymagton and New Mitton, Downton v Wimborne, East Cowes v Cowes Sports; Gaspoti v Faretham; Homble ASSC v Eastleigh; Portismouth v Money Fields; Whitchurch v Bemerton Heath.

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UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackstone v
Bourne, Cogenhoe v Wefingborough: Desborough v S and L Corby: Synestary v St
Neots: Ford Sparts v Long Buckly; Holbeach v Boston Kempston v Wootlon, Stoloid v Potion, Yardey v Spacking
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:
Premier division: Amoid Town v Pickering,
Budon v Ossett Albon; Hallam v Glasshoughton Weitere, North Ferrity v Eccleshal, Ossett Town v Bing Town; Portietract Cols v Garborh Town; Seby v Livcre-dge
NORTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE:
First division: Adherion LB v Alberton Col-

NORTH WESTERM HARINS LEAGUE: First division: Attendon LR v Attendon Colineres; Boode v Prescoi Cables; Giossop North End v Mossley, Holder Old Boys v Workington, Leak CSOB v Narrhych Town; Newcastle Town v Notsgrove, Rossendae v Ramtsbottom, Saiford v Marie Road; Si Heiens Town v Skelmersdale, Vaurhali G M v Cheedle

RUGBY LEAGUE JJB Super League Hull v Sheffield (12.30) Leeds v London (3.0).
St Helens v Bradford (3.0).
Wakefield v Wigan (3.30).
Warrington v Gateshead (3.0). Northern Ford Premiership

Barrow v Keighley (3.0)..... Dewsbury v Hull KR (3.0). York v Hunslet (3.0) OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: British Open (in Plymouth). TOMORROW

> UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Atlebox Machd v Parma (6.30). Marselles v Boloona (7.45). FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Assensi v Backburn (745). Leicester v Aston Vife (7.45) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second divi-

POOTBALL

slor: Bournemouth Macclesteld (7 45), Living v York (7.45); Walsali v Westham (7.45). Third division: Brighton v Cambridge Utd (7 45), Strewsbury v Hartlepool (7.45). BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PRE-MIER LEAGUE: Dunder Utd v Hearts (745). SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clydebenk v Greenock Motion. RUGBY LEAGUE

Bramley v Doncaster (7 30) WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL EUROPEAN CUP: Seral-linets, first log: Dynamo Kiev v Beyern Munich (7 45), Man-chester Utd v Juventus (7 45)

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Hallax v Saford

NORTHEAN FORD PREMIERSHIP:

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Forest Green v Woking (7 45) RUGBY LEAGUE JUB SUPER LEAGUE: Huddersfield Castleford (7:30)

RUGBY UNION ANGLO-WELSH CLUB MATCH: Cardii v Sale (7.15) THURSDAY

FOOTBALL CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finate, lirst leg: Chaisea v Real Mallorta (7 45); Loko-motiv Moscow v Lazio (7 30) NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Herelard v Kingstonian (7 45) CRICKET

UNIVERSITY MATCHES: First day of three: Fermer's: Cambridge University v Lancashire. The Parks: Oxford University v Worcestershire.

FRIDAY **FOOTBALL** NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Gilengham v Boumemouth (7 45) Third divi-sion: Swansea v Strewsbury (7.45).

RUGBY UNION A INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: France Scotland (at Bourges, 7.0), Ireland v Italy, Wales v England (at Wredtom FC, 7.30) UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: France v Scotland (at Venne, 5 0); Iteland v baly, Wales v England (at Neeth, 2 30) CHELTENHAM AND GLOUCESTER CUP; Final: Gloucester v Bedford (at North-

empton, 7 45). RUGBY LEAGUE JJB SUPER LEAGUE: London v St Helens

SATURDAY FOOTBALL Nick-etf 3.0

unuary, rovary v pusen or south; inverted CT v Shiring, Lungston v Ctycle, Partick, v East Fife Third division: Brechn v Albion. Cowdenbeath v Dumbaron, East String v Berwick, Queen's Park v Montrose, Sien-nousemur v Ross County LLOYDS TSB FIVE NATIONS CHAMPI-

ONSHIP: France v Scotland (at Slede de France, 20) INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Ireland v Italy (a) Lansdowne Road, 4 15) ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: Sec-FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa

WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Cross Keys v Aberülerv (2:30) Alts LEAGUE: Second division: Ballynahi nch v Old Westey (2:30), Dolphin v Malone (2:30), Portadown v Old Belvedere (2:30) RUGBY LEAGUE

OTHER SPORT BOXING: Manchester Arena: WBO leather-weight site: N Hamed (Shelfield, holder) v P Ingle (Scarborough), IBO feetherweight 6-tie; J Jones (US) v R Evalt (Covontry). BASKETBALL: Budweiser Championship

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Gateshead v Hali-

ptay-off, first leg SUNDAY FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Semi-finals: Manchester Uid v Ar-senel (a) Villa Park, 12.30); Newcastle v Tot-tenham (a) Old Trafford, 3 0) FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Everton v Covertry (3 0), Wimbledon v Chelsea (3 0) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Nowich v Isswich (1.0).
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-final:
SI Johnstone v Rangers (a) Celuc Pari.

RUGBY UNION LLOYDS I'SB FIVE NATIONS CHAMPI-ONSHIP: Wales v England (at Wembley, 4 0).

At8 LEAGUE: First division: Galvacian vos lativorena (2.30) Second division: Bec-tve Rangers v Deny (2.30), ULSP v Old Crescent (2.30), Greystones v Sunday's Well (2.30), UCC v Skemes (2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated Kick-off 30 unless stated

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford v Walkefield (6 0); Huddersfield v Hud, Salford v
Castlelord; Shelfield v Leeds (3.35), Wigan
v Warmington.
NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP: Betley v Rochdale. Bramley v Oldham (12 0)
Doncaster v York, Hull KR v Whitehaven.
Hursler v Dewsbury, Keighley v Widnes,
Lancashire Lyns v Leigh. Swinton v Barrow.
Workington v Featherstone DOWN

1 Wobbles on the ice (5) 4 Private Brahms collection note manuscript omitted a cer-

tain instrument (9) 9 Something lacking in bil of gen about swagger ruler's adopted (11)

15 Sculptor has two pupils with nothing to give at first (9) 16 Almost mention bird - it's been plucked (7)

17 Unlikely to scan text of this poetry in English? (4.5) 18 Question editor briefly expand-

ed that one was meant to answer (4,4,13) 19 Allow to stay or go (5) 20 Signs of one about to invade

subcontinent? (7) 22 Salvo initially let off - that's

by the way (8) 23 Go to meet the French representative — ooe may shed some light (6-4)

26 Seeing examination 1 sent, or amended text? (11)
28 French painter's right to enter

(7) 29 Fish left in a hat? (7) 30 Characters retreating from sanity can ultimately show

32 Honestly, it's going like a rocket (8.2)

34 Conductor of opera doubled popular backing (9)

39 One's soon to start at Cambridge — Jesus, perhaps? (7.4) 41 Type of excellent textbook (5.6) 42 Simple psychology practised in lexicographers' symposi-um? (4.11)

43 Misses Italian style? (9) 45 Regretting having a record sent in written in verse (10)

47 Economist in lown — poet's 50 Essayist previously appearing in supplement, one particular

S2 Leading light in astronomy (7) 53 Attraction for punters making

tracks for France (6.2.3) 55 A lour's been organised for

coastal community (10) 57 Look up perhaps, and goggle, catching sharp swerve, doing U-turn (4-4)

59 One has a role to play, wearing deerstalker (3-4) 61 SA currency certainly includes

cents (5) 62 Giving in, cable most reliable conductor? (4,2,5,10) 64 Orator, if 1 got upset, provided

strooger justification (1,8) 65 Is one Liberal returning after brief time in Georgian town?

66 Less likely to have complaints to cope with (9)

67 Submarine was first given rust-protection (11) 68 Rouse the head, offering a bis-

cuit (6.3) 69 Part for piano Tchaikovsky had to score (5)

1 Socialist's dispute with one replacing a native species? (3.8) Agreement pet's secured on

lead? (9) 3 Composer to gratify fully — one's enthralled (5) Trooper, one captured by European, having turned up over

old port (10) S So strong accents are more widespread? (7) 6 Go along with what pianist

may do (9) 7 Remarkable first half for soccer side is almost a turning-

8 Patter I do is endless grist for the mill (15) 9 Describing work on bridge, start the game holding oo trumps (6)

10 Peter's contributed to this building's security system (4.7) 11 Someone fancying a kipper?

12 New Year, 1793? (13,8) 13 Target man for abuse? She

may (9) 14 Mark repeated the old nonsense (2,3)

21 Wouldn't this CO have given orders? (13,8) One type of decoration individual's put round an evergreen

25 Commit a favourite - on a

charge (10) 37 Saying one should recycle 27 Beat the opposition in pool (5,3,4,3) tournament (7) 29 Tree absorbs first bits of extra

special mulch in soil (8) 31 Retreat, with urge to make sav-

ings (4,3) Brolly a man's furled in an unusual way (10) 3S From a part of Southern Eu-

rope, not originally from Northern Asia (7) 36 Force company to take on importing "modified" rice (8)
37 One obliged to look to Labour

for support (4.5) 38 Approval given after change

of address (3,5.7) 40 Prompt insurance report on fire? (7)

It's typical of an index to show accelerating growth (11) 6 Remark made, giving notice?

(11) 48 Close examination of cartoons - every one pillorying Right

49 Type of sculpture - it's set up in cattle wagon (7.3) 51 Friction caused by bill in club

on the way? (9) Seaside ice-cream - last special one in stock (9)

54 Extreme right-winger writing about a one-time archbishop

(9) 56 Set free, getting tight, apparentily! (7) 58 Political satire needing revi-

sioo here and now (7) 60 Eoemy orderly reduced in

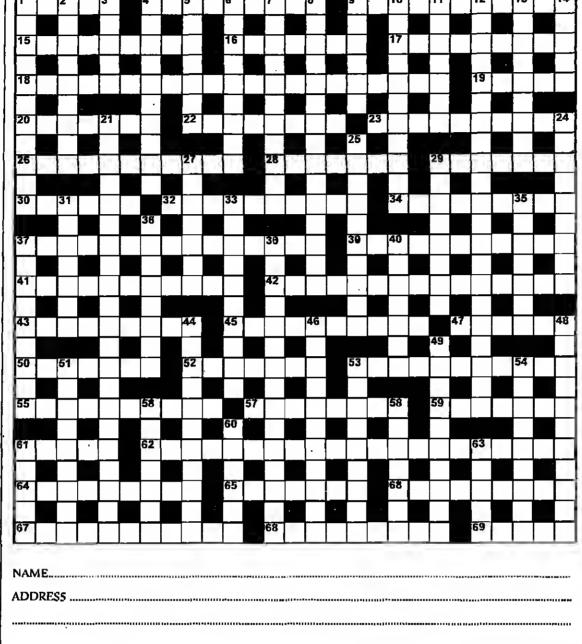
rank (6) 61 Sun gets FA in a mess - in a real mess! (5) 63 Make fast, noisy, rocket (5)

EASTER MONDAY JUMBO CROSSWORD 219

In our Bank Holiday Jumbo Crossword competition, a prize of £100 will be awarded for the first correct solution to be opened on Thursday, April 29, 1999. Entries to Easter Monday Jumbo (219), Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN.

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Weekend on Saturday, May 1



Times Two Easter Monday Jumbo There is no prize for this crossword. The solution will be published on Monday.

will be published on Monday, April 12

ACROSS

1 Simple boy. in the

rhyme (5) 4 Involuntary immobility (9) 9 Disrupt arrangement

15 Building planner (9) 16 Enunciating (7)

17 Superior (court), dealing with reviews (9) 18 Creep-up-on-you

game (12.9) 19 Bright, striking (5) 20 Sewer's protection (7) 22 Wild winds (8)

23 De Gaulle movement (1940) (4.6) 26 Patient submission:

departure (11) 28 Retaining, staying (7) 29 Conspiracy to convict

30 (Fin) on the back (6) 32 Deceitful. faithless

34 Method of handling

37 Being deliberately un-

friendly (4-11) 39 Feat (11)

41 A substitute (11) 42 Guerrillas (to their supporters) (7.8) 43 Respiring: Greek vow-

el mark (9) 45 Gold-bearing (10) 47 Recites verbatim (6) 50 Sportsman (7)

52 Eternally young (7) 53 Expecting bad out-

come (11) 55 All-pay-shares party (5.5)57 Small daggers (8) 59 Of old E England

tribe (7) 61 Snapshot (5)

62 Show great clumsiness (2,3,7,3.6) 64 State bordering Be-

lize, Honduras (9) 65 Salad plant; coffee substitute (7) 66 Making of clothes (9)

67 Union representative 68 Baby birds (9)

69 Constructed (5)

Modern approach to delay

on (1-4)

DOWN

1 Killed (for food) (11) 2 Body-motion science

3 Water spirit (5) 4 Astounding (10) 5 Toothed wheel prevents reversal (7)

6 Member of City company (9) inflexible 7 Haughty.

8 Unintended remark

(4.2,3.6)9 Absorb: summary (6) 10 Panic at public appear-

ance (5.6) 11 Sharp reply (7) 12 Effectively completed

(3,4.3.3.8)13 (Done) ahead of time (2.7)

14 Make correction (5) 21 Not ideal offering, but thanks (7.4.2.8)

24 Liver disease (9) 25 One giving emergency attention (5-5)

27 Floating Arctic sheet

29 Distracted, madly excited (8) 31 Failure to maintain

improvement (7) 33 Opponent of tariffs

35 World's highest peak

36 Sticking together (8) 37 Stiff paper (9)

38 The views of those qualified to know (8.7) 40 Sweets; hypocrites (7) 44 Mexico's second city

46 Angler's equipment (7,4)

48 Clairvoyance (6.5) 49 Careless, random (attempt) (3-3-4)

51 Tricky situation (3.6) 53 Representation (9) 54 Three joint rulers (esp.

ancient Rome) (9) 56 Chest wall (3.4) 58 Unluxurious (7)

60 Unruffled (6) 61 Young attendants (5)

63 Thermonuclear weap-

Court of Appeal

Law Report April 5 1999

Court of Appeal

Noise at date of nuisance notice

SFI Group plc (formerly Surrey Free Inos plc) v Gosport **Borough Council** Regina v Knightsbridge Crown Court, Ex parte Catal-

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Lord Justice Potter and Lord Jusuce Brooke

Judgment March 291 In considering the validity of a noise abatement notice served by a local authority under section 80 of the Environment Protection Act 1990, justices and the crown court on appeal were required to consider the facts at the time the notice was served and not at the time of

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by SFI Group ple against the decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Mance) (The Times February 13, 1998; (1998) 96 LGR 369)) allowing an appeal by case stated by Gosport Borough Council against the decision of Portsmouth Crown Court, on appeal from Fareham Justices, that a notice served upon SFI Group plc. requiring them to abate a statutory noise nuisance at Oliver's Bar. Gosport. should be quashed on the gnound that at the date of the crown court hearing no statutory nuisance existed or was likely to recur.

The court also dismissed an ap-

the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court on May 11, 1998 (Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Maurice Ray) of his application for judicial review of the decision of Knightsbridge Crown Court, allowing an appeal by Ham-mersmith and Fulham London Borough Council against the deci-sion of West London Justices to quash a noise abatement notice served by the council in respect of restattrant premises at Casa Carlo. Fulham, on the ground that at the date of the crown court hearing no

nuisance existed. Mr Timothy Straker, QC, for SFI: Mr David Holgate, QC and Mr Malcolm Gibney for Gosport Borough Council Timothy Spencer for Mr

Cataldi: Hammersmith and Ful-

ham Borough Council did not appear and was not represented. LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the appeals raised a question of some general importance in relation to the enlorgement of noise abatement notices served under the Environment Protection Act 1990 on appeal to

the justices and the crown court. That question was whether, in considering the validity of the no tice, the court was required to consider the facts at the time of the service of the notice or at the time that the appeal fell to be determined by the court.

In the present cases two differ-ently constituted Divisional Courts

held that the former was correct. In Johnson's News of London v Ealing London Borough Council ([1990] 154 JP 33) Mr Justice Otton held that the latter was the appro-

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works, and the taking of such other

steps, as may be necessary for any of those purposes, and the notice shall specify the time or times with in which the requirements of the notice are to be complied with." The procedure for appeals un-

The procedure under section 80 was quite different from that under the previous regime contained in sections 93 and 94 of the Public Health Act 1936. The proceedings before justices under section 94 of the 1936 Act were not an appeal from the abatement notice. Moreo-

nuisance existed at the time of the hearing before them before they could make a nuisance order. But section 94(3) protected the local authority in respect of costs of the abatement notice and the com-

Section 80 of the Environment Protection Act 1990 provided: (I) Where a local authority is satisfied that a statutory nuisance exists, or is likely to recur ... the local authority shall serve ... (an abatement notice1 imposing all or any of the following requirements (a) requiring the abatement of the nuisance or prohibiting or restricting its occurrence or recurrence: (b) requiring the execution of such

der section 90(3) was contained in Schedule 3 to the Act and the Environmental Protection (Statutor) Nuisance (Appeals)) Regulations

ver, the clear wording of section 94(2) and (3) made it plain that the

was not likely to recur.

Coventry v Doyle, based on the language of the 1936 Act was plainly correct. It had no bearing on the quite different language of the 1990

plaint in the event that the justices

found, on the hearing before them, that the nuisance no longer existed

and was not likely to recur: see Cov-

entry County Council v Doyle (1981) I WLR 1325).

His Lordship preferred the rea-soning of the Divisional Courts in

the present cases and concluded

that Johnson's News v Ealing had

tion 93 and 94 of the 1936 Act.

There could be no sensible reason

for importing the express words

contained in section 94 to the whol-

ly different situation of an appeal under section 80(3). No similar

words were used in the relevant

1990 Act of any comparable provision to that in section 94(3) of the

1936 Act in relation to costs was

striking. That was deliberate, as shown by the retention of such a

It would be remarkable if Parlia-

ment intended to deprive a local au-

thority of the costs of the abate-

ment nonce and perhaps a success-

ful hearing before justices on the basis that by the time the maner

came to be decided in the crown court the nuisance had abated and

The omission in section 80 of the

provisions of the 1990 Act.

The section 80 procedure was

te different from that under sec-

been wrongly decided.

under regulation 2(2)(a) of the 1995 Regulations the justices were con-cerned to see whether the underly-ing facts which constituted the nuisance or its likely recurrence existed at the date of the notice. The notice was not justified if no statutory nuisance existed or was not likely to recur at the date of its

Where an appeal was brought

thority inspector. His Lordship rejected a hurther argument on behalf of SFI that the notice, which required them to "cease the playing of amplified mu-sic at levels which cause a nuisance at neighbouring premises" was invalid because it failed to specify the particular works or steps reed to abate the nitisance.

Solicitors: Flynn & Partners. Bournemouth: Mr Richard Clayton. Gosport.

Frawicy v Neill Before Lord Justice Swinton Tho-mas, Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Judgment March I

The modern approach to the equitable doctrine of laches, whereby the court would not uphold beneficial rights whose assertion or enforcement had been unreasonably deinquire into all the circumstances to see whether they fitted within the principles established in previous cases, but rather to ask whether, broadly considered, the claimant's actions were such as to nender it unconscionable for him to

be permitted to assert his benefi-The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the defendant. Anne Marie Brough Neill, against the decision of Judge Raymond Jack. QC. sitting as a deputy High Court judge on Octo-ber 20, 1997, declaring that the plaintiff. Sheagan Dermot Frawley, was entitled to all the net pro-ceeds of sale of a house at 5 Rowley Close, Fleckney, Leicestershire, which had previously been jointly

owned by both parties. The house was jointly pur-chased by the parties in 1974 for plaintiff provided two thirds and

Regina v Hayes

[Judgment February 25]

for consideration when ser

by the victim.

It was well established that the im-

pact of a particular crime on a par-

icular victim was a proper mauer

A further factor which could be tak-

en into consideration was the ques-tion whether the imposition of a

custodial sentence on the offender would add to the distress suffered

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in relusing an ap-

plication by the Attorney-General under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 for leave to refer

the sentence of Colin Haves who, on September 14, 1998, at War-

rington Crown Court Judge Clarket on his plea of guilty to rob-bery, was made the subject of a pro-bation order for two years, which

the Anomey-General regarded as

Mr Nicholas Dean for the Attor-

ney-General; Mr Ian Unsworth, as-

signed by the Registrar of Crimi-nal Appeals, for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said

gage from the Halifax Building Society provided the balance. The property was conveyed into their

joint names. In 1975 the defendant, who subequently ceased to reside there. orally agreed to sell her interest in the house to the plaintiff for £1.400. Although that was disputed, the judge found that there was such an agreement and that the plaintiff paid the agreed sum to the defend-The defendant subsequently moved to Canada and arrange

ments lur the conveyance of the property into the plaintiff's sole name were never completed. The plaintiff himself later moved out of the property and eventually stopped paying the mortgage. In 1988 the building society took ossession and sold the property. paying the surplus proceeds of £84,000 into an account pending

resolution of the dispute over beneficial ownership. The defendant contended that the plaintiff was not enritled to the whole proceeds of sale because of delay or laches, and that the judge erred in granting a declaration in the plaintiff's favour when the plaintiff had neither applied for nor been granted an order for spe-

cific performance of the 1975 agree-Mr Charles Taylor for the defendant; Mr Timothy Harry for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said that on the basis of the general rule sel out in Williams v Greatrex (1957) I WLR 31) delay and laches would not prevent specific performance being ordered in this case, the agreement having been sufficiently acted upon by the plaintiff and acquiesced in by the defendant to indicate the parties' intention that the plaintiff become sole beneficial

Mr Taylor sought to distinguish that case on its facts and relied instead on Mills v Hayward ((1877) 6 Ch D 196, 202-203], contending that the plaintiff had not shown himself to be "ready, desirous, prompt and eager" in availing him-self of the remedy of specific performance: and that his occupation of the property did not constitute in accordance with the rule in Williams v Greatrex, because he was already in possession and did not have the defendant's acquiescence.

His Lordship disagreed. Unlike the purchaser in Mills v Hayward. the plaintiff had actually paid the purchase price and it would be inequitable to deny him specific performance in the circumstances.

But in any event, he did not need to seek specific performance hecause the agreement had already been performed and the defendant

ing further was needed to complete uitable title: it only needed the defendant's signature to complete the legal title. There was no reason why laches or lapse of time should bar the plaintiff's claim. It was clear that the principles of

had become a bare trustee. Noth-

law applied in Mills v Hayward and Williams v Greatrer had further evolved within the last 20 A modern approach to laches or acquiescence should not require an exhaustive inquiry into whether

ous cases. Instead, a broader approach should be adopted, namely whether it was unconscionable for the party concerned to be permitted to assert his beneficial rights: see Tay-lor Fashions Ltd v Liverpool Victoria Trustees Co Ltd [1982] QB 133. 151), a case on estoppe) by acquies-cence, and Habih Bank Ltd v Habib Bank AG Zurich ([1981] I WLR 1265, 1285) a case on acquie

laches and estuppel in relation to It followed that the judge came to the right conclusion and the ap-

peal should be dismissed. Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas agreed. Solicitors: Clifford Cowling & Co. Fleet; Nelsons. Norringham.

peal by Mr Carlo Cataldi against Perception of duress sufficient

Regina v Cairns Before Lord Justice Mantell, Mr Justice Gray and Judge Denison.

[Judgment February 22] Where a defendant raised the defence of necessity or duress of circumstance it was sufficient for him to show that he acted as he did because he reasonably perceived a threat of serious physical injury or

him to prove that the threat was in The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by John Cairns against his conviction in October 1998 at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court Dudge Whithum, QC and a jury) of inflicting grievous bodily harm and dangerous driving, for which he was senienced respectively to vears and 12 months imprisonment to run concurrently. He was

also disqualified for driving for Mr Robert Smith, QC, for the appellant. Mr John Aitken for the

LORD JUSTICE MANTELL said that the victim, who had been out with friends and had had far too much to drink, had climbed on to the bonnet of the appellant's car. The appellant had driven some

braked when he came to a speed hump. The victim was dislodged and landed in front of the car. The appellant drove over him. The victim's spine was fractured and he was now paraplegic. All that was observed by a group of the victim's friends who, it appeared from their evidence, did not wish to be associated with his conduct and were trying to prevent

distance with the victim spread-

eagled on the bonnet and had then

him behaving in that way, bur it might have appeared to the appel-lant that they were hostle towards him as they followed the car. The judge directed the jury as to the defence raised of duress of circumstance in accordance with the two-stage test set out by Mr Justice Simon Brown in R v Martin (Col-

in/ 1119891 RTR 635 First, was the accused, or might he have been, impelled to act as he castle upon Tyne: CPS. Tyneside.

did because as a result of what he reasonably believed to be the situarion he had good cause to fear that otherwise death or serious physi-cal injury would result, and, sec-ond, if so, might a sober person of reasonable firmness, sharing the characteristics of the accused, have responded to that situation by act-

However, the judge went on tu add a further objective test in the following terms: "Was what the defendant did actually necessary to avoid the evil in question? Mr Smith submitted that the judge was wrong to use the expres-

threat. In their Lordships' judgment Mr Smith's submission was well founded. The conviction was unsale and would be quashed.

Solicitors: Kidd & Spoor, New-

g as the accused acted? service. That was a question of fac-to be determined by the justices and they were not bound to accept the subjective view of the local au-

sion "actually necessary". The question of whether or not there was actually a threat was neither here nor there. Nowhere in the direction suggested in Martin did it appear that the threat perceived by the ap-

> Lord Justice Brooke delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Potter agreed.

Impact on victim relevant to sentence that the victim of the robbery was the defendant's 95-year-old great Before Lord Justice Judge, Mr Jusgrandmother. tice Curtis and Mr Justice Sachs

Until that offence was commitled there had apparently been a perfectly normal and affectionate relationship between them but at about 4.30pm on July 6, 1998, the victim had opened her duor to a masked man whom she did not realise was her great grandson. He pushed her aside and she siumbled and slid to the floor sus-tailing some bruising. The defend-

ani stole her purse and ran off. He was arrested and eventually admirted that he was the culprit The aggravating features of the case were obvious. This was a viclim of some considerable age and frailty and those facts were of course known to the defendant. In mitigation were his plea of guilty and his youth; he was 17 at the date of the uffence.

ing with a further period in custr-His grandmother, with whom he lived, was herself a widow and

that the defendant had spent three months in custody on remand and would have great difficulty in deal-

The pre-sentence report noted

found life was rather difficult for her without her grandson's aid. He had always before been kindly and considerate to old people and the evidence suggested that he

was profoundly remorseful. As soon as she discovered the identity

of her anacker, the victim forgave him and made it clear that she did not want her great grandson sent In his sentencing observations Judge Clarke explained in great de-tail his reasons for putting the defendant on probation. He reminded himself accurately about the normail range of sentences in that class of case but took into account the

wholly peculiar and unusual cir-cumstances and the fact that the defendant was the principle carer of In their Lordships' judgment. the relevant principles were clear. The sentence could not depend on the wishes of those most affected by the crime under consideration. Some victims desired revenge, others wanted to exercise mercy and others did not want to be subjected to pressure if their views were to be taken into account.

That did not mean that the vic-

tim was to be ignored but the reing judge.

ation was to assess the impact of the particular crime on a particular victim and also, although perhaps rarely, the court was required to consider a refinement of that principle when assessing whether the imposition of a custodial sertence would add to the distress and concern suffered by the victim.

That was a factor to which a court had to pay attention. The weight to be anached to it dependncion. The ed on the crime itself and different facets of the case which the judge had to balance. The sentencing judge carefully balanced the relevant considera-

oons. Having done so he very properly decided that could be m and allow the defendant to retain his freedom. Their Lordships would be pro-

foundly troubled if it was thought that a judge could not temper juslice with mercy. The result was ale nient sentence but it was not undu ly or improperly lement. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution





Developers end up in ruins and survive Martin Waller investigates what

Martin Waller investigates what happens when the builders unearth further clues to our island history

ondon, like other British cities of any age, is a palimpsest of past cultures and their archaeological remains. Dig down a few feet and vou are in another era. Pity the poor property developer, therefore, who comes across a priceless relic from our history in the course of

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A couple of weeks ago builders on the Spitalfields development north of the City of London carne across a stone sarcophagus. This was the last resting place of an unknown but clearly very rich and powerful inhabitant of Roman London and had been lying undisturbed, and for much of the time unknown, for the past 1,800 years.

Michael Bear, chief executive of Spitalfields Development Corporation, which is redeveloping the site. caid this discovery, unlike some that developers have stumbled across in the past, was at least portable, so minimising disruption to work on the site, and could simply be moved to the Museum of London.

But there is plenty of history that the corporation is already aware of lying underneath the site. There is Si Mary of Spitalfield, a 14th or 15th-century priory originally situated outside the gates of the City walls. This served as a welcome to the City and subsequently as a hospital, so giving the area its name.

"It's quite an important monument and it can't be touched in any shape or form," says Mr Bear. 'There's a friction between ourselves and the museum, who would like to take a bit to the surface and show it, and English Heritage, who would like to leave it untouched. Where it's part of the heritage of the development of London they won't let us touch a single brick."

As a result, the development has had to be redesigned around it. Because the priory ruins are below ground and the old maps are not exact, it is hard to know exactly what is down there. The corporation. therefore, has to use investigating trenches to pinpoint the structure's

There are, in all, 3,000 different archaeological remains at Spitalfields, including plague pits and Ro-man graves as well as the priory, and the site is especially rich for being outside the City walls.

piece of ground the cost has to be lytical techniques have improved contained. If you take a nine-month delay on a £30 million site, you are up for £3 million in extra interest

payments. Time is money. "When we bought Spitalfields years and years ago we did a lot of investigating in the archives and we hauled out plans back to the 13th century to get a feel of what was underground. We found more

Romans than we ever expected." In the spectrum of risk, that Roman sarcophagus ranks fairly low. "If you find a Viking ship here, they would almost insist it would be preserved as it lay. And it's not an in-surable risk," says Mr Bear. And what would be the worst-

case scenario? "Something like the Globe Theatre. Something of which there's only one in the country, which has immense significance nationally and on which nothing can be built around."

Paul Nuttall, at Ove Arup & Partners, the consulting engineer, is part of the team building a new headquarters for Merrill Lynch, the US investment bank, just north of Si Paul's Cathedral. He previousworked at Spitalfields.

At the start of the century the Post Office dug a basement at the building and found that, as with so many buildings in and around the City, London's Roman wall ran all the way through. Part of the wall was found to be intact, and of its original height, one foot below the current surface.

The Post Office built a 12m to 14m octagonal visiting chamber where the wall can still be viewed. "It's probably one of the best kept secrets in London, because nobody

ever went," says Mr Nuttall.

Three quarters of the site had the
wall and other archaeological remains removed; the rest, like St Mary priory, is a scheduled ancient monument, or SAM, and again under the charge of English Heritage. This has required some extra ef-

fort for the builders of the Merrill offices. "We are not building a basement anywhere near the Roman wall, and the piling is going in in a very higgledy-piggledly fashion to stay well away from it," says Mr

One option sometimes favoured by English Heritage is for the developer simply to pour concrete over "We have allowed the archaeologists in for as long as they need," says Mr Bear. "You always risk finding something interesting—it's a huge risk. When you develop a

further and more can be learnt.
Geoffrey Wainwright is chief archaeologist at English Heritage.
He explains: "The logic of that is that they are preserved for the fu-ture. No building is permanent — look at the London skyline, which is always changing."

It is not a method that finds favour with Mr Bear at Spitalfields. He prefers to find some way to keep the discovery on show, perhaps by protecting it with a glass wall or oth-er structure, as has been done suc-

cessfully at a number of sites.

Then you are actually adding some value as a developer to the heritage," he says. "Where it's enclosed in concrete forever it strikes me as a purist game. But I would say that, wouldn't 1?"

At the Merrill development, the original visiting chamber is being kept, at no little inconvenience. It is in the middle of a delivery yard and therefore a potential security risk, so separate access to the public must be provided, complete with security cameras.

r Nuttall says that because the existence of the wall was known. it could be dealt with in the original planning process and so caused the development no delays. But unexpected discoveries are quite common. When they occur, a degree of so-called "archaeological mitigation" must be provided, and planning consent will depend on whether English Heritage, if the site is a SAM, or the local council is satisfied.

There's no reason why it should be unexpected," he says, "Unless someone has already dug a basement there, it's almost guaranteed that something will be found. You have got to dig down to the London clay to be sure."

No one knows how many unex-pected finds in the past have simply been greeted with a quick look around and a swift blow with a spade rather than letting the developer in for expensive delay. But recent regulations are aimed at cutting down on nasty surprises for those who want to build on the site as well as presenting important relationships. as well as preserving important rel-ics. Dr Wainwright at English Her-itage is largely responsible for these

new procedures.
"When an archaeological site is suspected, and that, in our historic cities, means quite a lot of the time. the developer has to show to the



The tomb of one of the wealthiest citizens of Roman London was recently discovered at the site of the Spitalfields development

planning authority how he intends to cope with the site, and there are set procedures which he has to follow. He has to protect the site if that's at all possible. If it's not possible, the site has to be recorded

before it's destroyed."

Dr Wainwright says this is based on the principle that "the polluter pays" — the property developer pays for the archaeology before it's

As a result, since 1990 the number of archaeological digs in Britain has rocketed from 600 to 4,000 last year.

"My profession over the past dec-ade has been revolutionised. There's been a huge explosion of archaeological activity, and the cost of this across the country is £50 mil-lion a year to developers. The procedures are designed to ensure that the work is done in advance of de-

velopment beginning." he says.

The new regulations stemmed from the discovery in early 1989 of the remains of the Rose Theatre on the site of a proposed office block in London, just south of Southwark

Development was held up by a campaign, led by leading theatrical folk including Sir Ian McKellen and Dame Judi Dench. There were demonstrations and, at one stage, there was a picket line of actors linking hands to prevent access to the site. It was a developer's night-mare, but Dr Wainwright says it would not have been so if current policy had been in place.

"Developers are able to plan for this. They take on an archaeologist in the same way as they would an architect or a quantity surveyor." Indeed, a number of specialist firms have sprung up to do this kind of work.

"When there are unexpected discoveries and the developer has done everything that's expected of him, then they can turn to us if necessary for financial help to record that archaeological discovery," he says. This shouldn't happen, and on the whole it doesn't - the archives should show what to expect, or something should be turned in when exploratory trenches are dug. But sometimes some-

thing truly unexpected is turned up. Recently the earliest boat known in Western Europe was found in Dover harbour by workmen digging a sewer trench.
"Nobody could have guessed that it would be there," says Dr

Wainwright, "That was a case when we did step in and provide funds to lift and preserve it." The cost was a relatively modest £600,000, but the main problem on this job was time. In the event, for three weeks the contractor worked elsewhere.

At No I Poultry, the old Mappin & Webb site, developers found a crossroads from the earliest period when London was a Roman town. Viking remains were found at Coppergate, York, and an excavation was funded by the public purse before development could go ahead. Most recently a Roman villa was discovered outside Swindon, on the site of a planned housing estate. Here, English Heritage will probably buy the land from the developer to preserve the site.

If a newly discovered Globe Theatre is the developer's nightmare, what is the archaeologist's dream? "My dream discovery would be the remains of Britain af ter the Romans left, which we really know little about, except from very vague literary sources," says Dr Wainwright.

But developers might note that much more modern structures may be of interest to the archaeologists. There is work being done on Second World War defences, for example. And on a recent survey of Cold War defences, evidence vi works that have been obsolete for just a decade.



The rules relating to archaeological finds were changed after the discovery of the Rose Theatre ten years ago



The earliest known boat in Western Europe was recently found by workmen digging a sewer in Dover Harbour



Biotech investor investigated after fines on banks

OECHSLE International Advisers, one of the biggest shareholders in Bridsh Biotech, is being investigated by US regulators over share trades that led the London Stock Exchange to fine the banks JP Morgan and ABN Amro last

The fund manager, based in Boston, started building up a stake in British Biotech at the

A LEADING firm of actuar-

ies has given warning that an-

result from the increased use

of so-called "defined contribu-

oon" (DC) pension arrange-

ments by companies. Lane Clark & Peacock, the

actuarial firm, says that the

difficulty for individual em-

ployees to work out how

much pension income they

are likely to get from defined

contribution schemes may

generate increasing disquiet

as more and more people re-tire on income derived from

Many companies have

switched pension arrange-

ments from older-style "final

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schemes to defined contribu-

tion or "money purchase"

schemes. These newer

schemes are less onerous in

terms of regulatory compli-

ance and shift much invest-

these arrangements.

end of last year and now holds a little less than 10 per cent of

the pharmaceurical company. The Stock Exchange last week fined ABN £250,000 and JP Morgan £100,000 for ac-cepting an order for shares that also requested a movement in the share price. The fine was for market misconduct. The previous biggest fine, at £350,000, was levied

ment risk from employers to

their pension. It creates uncertainty over how much should

Michael Cranfield, LC&P

partner, said: "DC schemes

are set to become the next pensions scandal. However,

simply providing fixed pro-

jections on a set of pre-

scribed assumptions will not

be sufficient and, as the prob-

lems with personal pensions

have highlighted, may be

In an effort to combat the confusion, LC&P has devel-

oped a computer software program, Pension DCoder.

which LC&P says will revolu-

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positively dangerous."

be saved for retirement.

A result of the shift has been to make it more difficult for in-dividuals to assess the level of income they will receive from against JP Morgan in 1997, for market manipulacon.

British Biotech could not confirm last week that it was the share concerned. However, investigators would not necessarily contact the compa-ny concerned in a case of this

type.
The US Securities & Exchange Commission is be-lieved to have contacted Oechsle about the share

Oechsle, which also has an office in Mayfair, began building its stake last September, when the British Biotech share price was about 40p, By November 2 it held 60.9 million shares. The shares have since fallen to about 161/2p.

The investment manager. which employs Warren Walker, the boyfriend of Koo Stark. manages money on a dis-cretionary basis for American

ABN Amro has parted company with two employees since the matter came to light. One is Angelo Ionome, formerty based in New York. Morgan Stanley's fine has not led to any staff going. A spokes-man said that it had dealt with

the matter internally. The Stock Exchange picked up the abnormal share trades through using its "real time" share monitoring system. Its investigation centred on one share trade carried out by Morgan Stanley in September and a number of trades carried out by ABN Amro in

The exchange, which plans to spend about £4.5 million on enhancing its share surveillance system, carries out about 80 investigations a year.



ProVen, which owns the rights to Sooty, aims to maximise merchandising potential

Proven hopes \$150m fund will be child's play By RAYMOND SNDDDY, MEDIA EDITOR ROVEN Private Equity. e rights and merchandiscompany there is a special and merchandiscompany the special an

the rights and merchandising company that controls the destiny of the TV pupper Sooty, is planning to launch a \$150 million (£93 million) fund in Britain and America this month.

Gordon Power, who spun off the business from Guinness Mahon, is believed to be working on the details of one of the largest funds to concentrate on children's TV characters and merchan-

dising rights.

Apart from Sooty. ProVen has rights through Link Licensing to characters such as Barbie, the doll that is still going strong after 40 years, and Teddybears, the successful children's series

Link has also developed a range of products for the Natural History Museum and for Lord's Cricket Ground, on behalf of MCC.

some \$15 million of its own money in the fund and to invest a further \$35 million on hehalf of clients. Standard Life and United News & Media are also expected to be approached.

Children's programmes and associated merchandis-ing are hot properties at the moment, encouraged by the international success of the Teletubbies programmes.

The BBC is estimated to have made £23 million from the series so far, even though the lucrative US rights were retained by Rag Doll, the independent production company behind the Teletubbies.

in the US, children's teleabout \$900 million a year. However, the merchandising market is worth more

FCI helps China to lift bamboo curtain

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

A SMALL British company is aiming to lift the bamboo curtain, which has unol now concealed reliable informadon on the Chinese economy, by producing a CD-Rom database detailing the esti-niated \$550 billion (£341 billion) of foreign investment that has poured into China over the past decade. First China Information

(FCI), based in Battersea. South London, has linked up with the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation (Moftec) to

produce a comprehensive list of foreign joint venture projects operating in the

It is the first time that the information, which was pre-viously treated as highly classified by the Chinese Government, has been made available to the international financial community.

However, with doubts

growing about the health of the Chinese economy, the Government has been convinced that it must become more transparent if it is to encourage further foreign

Data for January and Febmary this year suggest that foreign investment has slipped by nearly 10 per cent from the same period last

The relationship between FCI and the Chinese Government, which has taken five years to develop, has been cemented with Moftec taking a 25 per cent stake in FCI. Moftee has complete control over the licensing of joint ventures and supervises all

trade activities between China and the rest of the world. Sir Barry Jowen, chair-man of FCI, said: "This is the

ancial information to the rest first time China has fully opened the door on trade information. The potential for business in China is greater than ever and access to informarion is vital if this potential is to be realised." The database lists nearly 140,000 foreign-backed enter-

prises that are already operating in China for the period cial sector. until the end of 1997. The aim is to produce regular updates to ensure that the informa-

tion is of maximum use. FCI is hopeful that the venture will prove merely the first step in opening up traditionally opaque Chinese fin-

of the world. The company is already working on collecting details of indigenous Chinese companies in a number of important corporate sectors. In the medium term, it also hopes to bring details of key Chinese economic statisties to the international finan-

The CD-Rom is being produced with the support of Marshall Publishing, a subsidiary of stock market-listed MediaKey, which is best known for its training videos produced in conjunction with John Cleese.

WORD-WATCHING

New pensions

scandal looms

BY ROBERT COLE

Answers from page 34

PEDALFER

(b) A soil in which there is no layer of accumulated calcium carbonate, but in which oxides or iron and aluminium have tended to accumulate (generally acidic and characteristic of humid climates). A portmanteau composed of ped- + al(uminium) + fer(rum) the Latin for iron. 'These ideas were accepted in the USA, and the concepts of pedalfers and pedocals added: pedalfers are leached soils in humid areas where aluminium and iron accumulate in the B horizon.

(c) An elaborate foliated spiral or scroll pattern. The French word. "We have added grace asnd beauty to the whole, by a mixrolesque srucco, and the flowing rinceau with its fanciful figures and winding foli-

(a) A variety of sauce served with meat. The Spanish word. 'What sort of a stew is it? Let me smell and taste the salsa?"

(a) A wild sheep, a subspecies of Ovis orientalis, having a reddish coat and long, curved horns, found in India and other parts of central Asia. The Punjabi urial. The foot-hills to the north and west are still the haunts of oorial sheep."

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Reliant plans foreign foray

BY ADAM JONES

RELIANT, the tiny carmaker best known for the Robin three-wheeler, as featured in BBC's Only Fools and Horses. is to take on more staff as part of its expansion into the import and distribution of other niche vehicles.

Reliant, which was bought is about to bring foreign cars into the UK for sale for the first time in its 64-year history. The first import to go on

sale alongside the Robin range, which has just been revarnped, will be the Ligier Ambra, a "microcar" that is 3ft smaller than the Mini and designed to appeal to commuters. It will go on sale this month or next at about £7,000. UK drivers need only a motorcycle licence for the vehicle, which has a maximum



Reliant, maker of the Robin, is to import niche vehicles

speed of 45mph. Reliant expects to sell up to 1,500 this

The group will also start selling the Piaggio Apé, a three-wheeler made in Italy, boasting motorcycle handle-

bars and a top speed of about 35mph. Prices will start at

about £3,000, plus VAT, and it should go on sale in June. The most exotic import, however, will be a cut-price sports car made by San Engineering pany that is better known for

Its San Storm coupé and the San Streak convertible will be significantly cheaper than Western sports cars, with a top speed of 100mph and French

styling.
The convertible is likely to sell for just £8.000. Both vehiwithin five months. Sales of between 800 and 1,000 are expect-

ed this year. Doug Jeffrey, of Reliant. said that new staff will be needed in sales, customer support and other areas, adding to the 60 already employed by the company. He would not say exactly how many will be recruited, but the workforce will be

significantly increased. Reliant is majority-owned by Kevin Leech, a financier based in Jersey.

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Government seeks more room for commercial radio

MEDIA EDITOR

CHRIS SMITH, the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary. is considering a full audit of the radio spectrum to see whether room can be found for more commercial radio

Further licences could provide a new boost to a sector that is now earning more than £400 million a year from advertising and is the fastest-growing advertising

Mr Smith has ordered a de-partmental study of the issue after representations from the Radio Authority, the regulatory body for commercial radio, that the BBC was being wasteful of its use of the radio spectrum.

The Radio Authority case is that the BBC could give up some of its existing frequencies without limiting the audience reach of any of its

Mr Smith now awaits the results of the departmental study before deciding whether to launch a formal audit of how the radio spectrum is cies is just one area where the

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Smith: departmental study

used in the UK. The issue is important for commercial radio companies because the process of advertising new radio licences has virtually come to an end for existing analogue technology. Digital radio services will

be limited for many years by the number of digital radio receivers in the community. The question mark over the BBC's use of radio frequen-

AN EXCLUSIVE PRIZE DRAW

activities of the BBC are being challenged by the commercial sector..

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Both ITV and the Commercial Radic Companies Association have joined together to insist that the BBC's commercial services should be separated entirely from the BBC's publicly funded operation. Commercial broadcasters

are also calling for BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC, to be managed and housed separately and regulated by an independent, external regulator. The pleas have been sub-

mitted as evidence to a panel under the chairmanship of Gayvn Davies, the City economist, that is looking into the future funding of the BBC. Commercial media organisations have long complained that they face unfair

competition from the BBC -

in particular the advertising

of the corporation's commer-

cial products and services on BBC channels. The institute of Practitioners in Advertising has called for a single economic regulator for the BBC and commercial broadcasters.



July release for Leeson

NICK LEESON, the securities dealer who brought down Barings Bank, will be released from a Singapore jail in July. according to reports in Asian newspapers yesterday (Paul Armstrone writes)

The report said that Leeson, who had a cancerous abdominal tumour removed in August, would be released for good behaviour, rather than for health reasons

six-and-a-half years in 1995 after being convicted of fraud. His losing bets on financial market, left Barings, Britain's oldest bank, with a \$1.4 billion

Wong Kan Seng, Singa-pore's Home Affairs Minister, told the South China Morning Post: "Under our prison regulations we don't release a he can't survive his sentence in the opinion of the doctors, we will consider giving him a

Leeson is undergoing chemotherapy and is said to have been given a 70 per cent chance of survival.

A film, called Rogue Trader, starring Ewan McGregor, is currently being made about

GEC in talks to buy telecoms

GEC is close to announcing two deals in America and continental Europe worth a total of £1.5 billion that will accelerate its expansion in fast-growing sectors of the telecoms market.

The company, whose managing director is Lord Simpson of Dunkeld, is in talks to buy the networking equipment businesses of First Data Communications, an \$18 bilinformation services group based in New Jersey. These have been valued at

about £1 billion. Separate talks are under way with Robert Bosch, the German industrial group, about buying its telecoms business, which is worth about £500 million. A deal with Bosch would significantly expand GEC's

capability in mobile telephony. GEC is keen to move quickly to refocus the group after

January's agreement to sell its

If these two latest deals are completed, GEC will have spent almost £3 billion so far this year, leaving it on course to fully replace the Marconi defence business by substantially increasing investment in

Senior GEC executives are running their slide rules over a number of companies in the US, which accounts for about one half of global investment in telecoms equipment and data octworking. Another possible target is Fore Systems. based in Pittsburg, whose switching systems are widely

firms for £1.5bn By MARTIN BARROW

defence electronics arm to British Aerospace for £7 billion. dipped into GEC's warenest for the acquisition of Reltec, a US manufacturer of cables and switching equipment, for £1.3 billion.

Saudis in talks with **US oil companies**

THE Oil Minister of Saudi Arabia yesterday met with the presidents of Conoco and Marathon Oil, the two US oil companies, for talks on investment in the kingdom's energy sector (Our City Staff writes).

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy BTR Siebe, Safeway, Prudential; Sell Coffee Republic. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Signet, Viridian. Northern Leisure, Meyer International; Sell Maiden Group. Sunday Business: Buy PowerGen, Signet, Kingfisher. The Observer: Buy BP Amoco; Hold Booker, RMC. Sunday Express: Buy Sterling Publishing, Barlows, Mears. Independent on Sunday: Buy COLT Telecom; Sell BAT.

Ali al-Nuaimi met with Archie Dunham of Conoco and Victor Beghini of Marathon and "discussed opportunities of investments in oil and gas projects" in Saudi Arabia.

The meeting follows an invitation to foreign companies by Saudi Crown Prince Abdallah bin Abdel Aziz at the end of last year to submit plans for investments in the kingdom's oil and gas sectors.

Almost 20 years after nation-

alising its oil industry, the world's top oil producer has turned once again to investments from foreign oil firms to compensate for funds it lacks domestically.

But in February, during a

visit by Bill Richardson, the US Energy Secretary, Saudi Arabia ruled out foreign investment in oil prospecting or pro-duction but said that the kingdom was interested in downstream investments.

TEMPUS

Trackers' pursuit of the big beasts is no substitute for strategy

They are called the "Magic 28" and, no. they are not a group of dissident conjurers. They are 28 of the largest compa-nies quoted on European

All 28 stocks appear as constituents in three of the leading European stock market indices - the FTSE Eurotop 300, the Euro Stoxx 50 and the MSCI Europe Index.

Such is the power of indexation on fund management strategies today that technical research into index dynamics is of key relevance. If the investment community as a whole chases big stocks, those stocks are likely to rise in value. And if they are going to rise in value, investors want to be in them.

Active managers can and do outperform the indextracking funds, which, by definition, do linie better than average. There is, however, compelling evidence to suggest that any such outperformance is more to do with luck than judgment. Active managers are just as likely to underperform the

average.

Active management is also costly, requiring the employment of analysts and strategists. The cust of these additional overheads (an detract from the performance of an investment portfolio. It is sometimes said that

index tracking is preferable to active management because it takes human error out of stock selection. Detractors say that index tracking is inflexible and cannot be easily adjusted to sudden changes in market conditions. In truth, index tracking concentrates the influence of human judgment oo invest-ment strategies because there is so little room to alter

mans, in the light of events. Trackers are only as reliable as the constitution governing the index's make-up. Us-ing size to determine index weighting may be a good

policy, but it is not infallible. Fans of trackers maintain that there is no need for Bexibility and, true enough, to date there has been no cry-ing need for the flexibility that active managers have. However, this does not mean that leeway will not be

needed in the future. It is to be hoped that the influence of indexation will not become a stranglehold. and that the investment management community will come to realise that owning shares simply because other people own them leads to unsustainable prices.

All being well, it will become apparent that big stocks are overvalued. Then attention will focus on smaller companies, which represent much better value. Unless valuation balance is restored and the influence of indexation is curbed, the bubble will burst.

So much for the theorising. Short term, investors must surely make themselves aware of the existence of the Magic 28, and bring the implications of its existence to bear on portfolio management decisions.

Investors ought also to watch for the emergence of similar groupings. UK companies do not feature in the Magic 28 because the Euro Stoxx 50 includes only euroland shares. However, it cannot be long before other similar overlaps are noticed. In the short term, there may be profits to be made.

ROBERT COLE

	THE MAGIC 28		
COMPANY	COUNTRY	SECTOR	
ABN Amro	Netherlands	Banking	
Aegon	Netherlands	Insurance	
Ahold	Netherlands	Food	
Alcatel	France	Technology	
AlCanz	Germany	Insurance	
AXA	France'	Insurance	
Bayer	Germany	Chemicals	
Carrefour	France	Retail	
Dalmier-Chrysler	Germany	Automobiles	
Deutsche Bank	Germany	Banking	
Elf Aquitaine	France	Energy	
Endesa	Spain	Utilities	
ENI	Italy	Energy	
Generali	Italy	Insurance	
ING	Netherlands	Financial Service	
L'Oréal	France	Consumer	
Mannesmann	Germany	Industrial	
Philips Electronics	Netherlands	Technology	
Rhône Poulenc	France	Pharmaceutical	
Royal Dutch Petroleum	Netherlands	Energy	
RWE	Germany	Utility .	
Siemons	Germany	Technology	
Société Générale	France	Banking	
Telecom Italia	Italy	Telecoms	
Telefonica	Spain	Telecoms	
Unilever NV	Netherlands	Consumer	
Veba	Germany	Conglomerate	
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Martine McCulcheon trades Walford for New York in This is My Moment (ITV, 6.30pm)

The magician and illusionist Zenon takes to the

The magician and illusionist zerion takes to the late-night streets, bars and clubs of London, Manchester, Blackpool and Glasgow for a tour de force demonstration of in-your-face card tricks, illusions and offbeat humour. His skills are as baffling on-screen (and with the benefit of the proposition scalaus) as they clearly are in present

slow-motion replays) as they clearly are in person, even allowing for the inebriated state of many of his victims / collaborators.

Tony Patrick

Any doubts that Spurs supporters may have had

Any doubts that Spurs supporters may have had about George Graham's loyalty to the club will have been purged by the Worthington Cup final victory last month. Graham has tightened the team's defence and allowed David Ginola tformerly of Newcastle), to flourish. Newcastle, however, are under-achieving in the Premiership, and Rund Gullit will want to win this match to stake a claim for a European place next autumn and to appease the fans who are becoming impatient at the lack of success. This match will serve as a rehearsal for the FA Cup semi-final later.

Radio 4, 2.15pm

The word "enchanong" is overworked to an annoying degree in relation to stories about children but it surely does apply to this E. Nesbit classic, which evokes balmy summers and magical childhood adventures. The story concerns five children who discover, while playing one day on a beach, a strange and powerful creature who grants wishes, including the gift of flight. The resultant adventures reach into every corner of the imagination, with soaring triumphs taking their place alongside unexpected disasters as the children encounter everything from Red Indians (as they were still known in Nesbit's Edwardian times) to medieval knights on chargers and sinister robbers. Julia McKenzie plays the lead. Peter Barnard

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Talking Point

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CLASSIC FM

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Afternoon Play: Five Children and It

Paul Zenon Turning Tricks Channel 4, 10.40pm

Newcastle v Tottenham Hotspur

Sky Sports 1.7pm

Radio 4, 2.15pm

Shaking the foundations of firms' Chinese walls

The rise and fall of Prince Jefri Bolkiah has made for a right riveting read brother of the Sultan of Brunei made much use of the trap-pings of the fabulous wealth of his oil-rich family. There was the personal Boeing 747, the luxury yachts, the use of his own hotels, such as the Bel Air in Beverly Hills and the Plaza Athenee in Paris, and his Park Lane club, The Playboy, in London, not to mention the polo matches with the Prince of Wales.

On the way down, however, after falling out with the Sultan, he lost control of the powerful and secretive Brunei investment Agency and salacious de-tails of his private life made the headlines in the tabloid press during the course of an extraordinary High Court trial.

But out of this tangled web and the destruction of his public reputation, Prince Jefri may have done a great service to the City of London. From his dispute with the Sultan and the ensuing investigation into his chairmanship of the BIA, Prince Jefri entered into a legal row which has defined more clearly what constitutes a professional conflict of interest and how firms and financial institutions should manage such perceived or actual conflicts.

The BIA is the agency that manages the money, external assets and investments of the Government of Brunei, Its auditors are KPMG, the international firm of accountants, which since 1983 with additional consultancy advice has put in about 10,000 hours a year in chargeable time. It has been a massive contract for KPMG which has enjoyed what has been called a "long and close working relationship" with the BIA, led by its engagement partner, Peter Harrison.

Prince Jefri, the third and youngest of the Sultan's brothers, was a favourite of the potentate, having previously been Minister of Finance. That was until March 1998, when Prince Jefri swiftly fell from grace, was removed as chairman of the BIA and lost control of companies under his aegis under emergency decree by the

Brunei Government. Prior to this, the relationship that Prince Jefri had with KPMG led him to appoint the firm to help out with a complex based business intermediaries, Bob and Rafi Manoukian. Over a period of 18 months, 12 KPMG partners, 81 senior staff and 75 other KPMG professionals were involved in investigations on behalf of Prince Jefri under the leadership of partner Adam Bates. The work, codenamed Project Lucy, earned the firm £4.6 million in fees over the course of the 18 months, which ended last spring when the Manoukian case came to court. It was swiftly settled, but not before Prince Jefri's private peccadilloes had been so exposed.

By last June the Sultan had ordered an investigation of the BIA's affairs: Mr Harrison, the lead audit partner, was summoned to look into the transfer of funds going in and out of the BIA. A month later the BIA summoned John Ellison, a senior KPMG forensic partner. along with Mr Harrison and Michael Fowle, a senior execuove of the firm, to invesogate the series of asset withdrawals and "special transfers".

KPMG set up the investigadon, codenamed Project Gemma, but only after they had put in place special confidentiality arrangements with separate project rooms and computer servers and employing only staff who had been vetted specially by KPMG's solicitors. Over the space of two months the KPMG team on this investigation put in 7.500 chargeable hours.

However, in September Prince Jefri was in court again, this time seeking to prevent the Gemma investigation for the BIA from continuing on the basis that KPMG, through its previous work for him, had access to "extensive confidential information" on Robert Lea says the legal row involving Prince Jefri may have done a great service to City professionals



Prince Jefri entered a legal dispute that has defined more clearly what is a conflict of interest

neither been informed by KPMG of its investigation for the BIA, nor had his consent

been sought. It was on this basis that an injunction was granted on September 15 to stop the Gemma investigation. That injunction, however, was turned down on appeal when Lord Justice Woolf, accepting the lengths to which KPMG had gone to put up Chinese walls, concluded that a continuing injunction "would create unjustified impediments in the way large international firms conduct their

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business".

turned the judgment of the Court of Appeal. Lord Jus- have joined from and returned oce Millett stated that information pertaining to KPMG's Lucy" investigation on behalf of Prince Jefri would be relevant to the investigations on "Gemma" for the BIA in a situation where the BIA's interests were clearly adverse to those of Prince Jefri. KPMG was

because a conflict existed even though the prince was a former KPMG client. Jeremy Cole, a liogator, and Nigel Read, a corporate lawyer, are partners in Lovell White Durrant, which advised Prince Jefri, and are as close as any to the case. They ex-

barred from continuing to act

plained their take on it. "KPMG had erected an ad hoc Chinese wall to manage their conflict. They claimed it was effective because by the very nature of their business

rienced and trained in the need to manage information obtained from a competing commercial interest.

The House of Lords concluded that this was not enough. It is one thing to separate the insolvency, tax, audit and forensic departments and erect Chinese walls between them. But it is quite another matter to try to erect an ad hoc Chinese wall within the same department.

The teams would have rotating membership involving far more personnel than were working on the project at any However, in one of the one time. Individuals might

The problem with Chinese walls is not how high you can construct them but the House of Lords over- Whether people can get underneath them? It has been

> to other projects. There was a natural tendency to share information and expertise. The difficulty of enforcing confidentiality or preventing unwitting dis-closure was therefore very

> The Lords judgment — that despite the lengths to which KPMG had gone this was still not enough to prevent a potenoal conflict of interest - poses serious questions for the City.

> But Cole and Read advise: "There are clear lessons to be learnt about managing client conflicts, about making people think more carefully how they deal with such situations and it will, inevitably, raise the profile of compliance teams across the City."

> One legal adviser to City institutions explained: "The upshot of the Lords ruling is that

departments becoming even more active in their role of identifying potential conflicts before they occur. What we will have to see is larger and more active compliance teams who become active in managing the client relationship.

What is plain is that you cannot have a situation where the adviser has to resign halfway through a deal because the compliance department has belatedly found a damag-

ing conflict of interest." On the coalface the view is slightly different. A compliance officer of a much-merged big City institution, which declined

to be named. said: "The ruling has certainly put the cat among

handling the conflicts because of the way our firm has evolved. There is a very big likelihood that the firm could be giving M&A ad-vice to a client, while at the same time providing the fi-nance and at the same time having an interest on the private dient side as well. "Put on the layer that any

one of these functions could be being handled from London, New York or a main European office and you realise the extent of the problem. "On the one hand, it may be

difficult to know what various people are up to, and on the other hand, even if the Chinese walls exist, geographically or operationally, it is still a people business in which people talk. This ruling just highlights the potential problems."
What some big City institutions are hinting at is that compliance departments over time will have to be manned by more and different types of people. In the past, compliance has been seen as a quasi-legal de-partment. The argument now is that the compliance depart-

experience and knowledge. What this means is converting current fee earning profes-sionals into compliance officers. While this may hold horrors for some fee earners. there are others - not least those with young families -who for lifestyle reasons will prefer the more regulated hours of the compliance department to the 4am deal-doing of those at the sharper end.

ment needs people with market

The stark facts remain, however, that clients are under a twofold threat first, that advisers will not always see that what they are doing presents a conflict; and secondly, that there are always ways in which the walls can be breached. As one professional close to the KPMG case observed: "What we had here is KPMG partners given the option of coming on to a very big job - partners who have to have one eye on their annual fee billings targets.

There was obviously a potential problem here, but a business decision was taken. It was an area that had never been tested and the Court of Appeal agreed that what KPMG had done was correct. They had gone to extraordinary lengths to secure the Chinese walls. It is just that in the view of the Law Lords these walls were not - potentially - secure enough."

e added: "A key potential problem, as with main general, was that some people working on the case were very junior. It is here where there is potential for slippage. These people are junior, but they are far from stupid. In fact, in many cases, these will be highly motivated. very intelligent graduates; the type of people who when they are doing the photocopying read the information. The problem is they may not have the ex-perience or the judgment which prevents them from talking to colleagues about what

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KPMG is saying little about the case. It is taking counsel's opinion on what it means for the firm's internal systems though, privately, its argument is that the effects are not as dire as some lawyers would

According to Lovell White Durrant, the bottom line for professional advisers is: "In the event of a conflict, either don't act for the client or get consent from the client."

To many in the City, conflicts of interest are still a matter of judgment and some-thing in which the City prides itself on managing well.

Legally, however, the Law Lords have now ruled that the right of the individual to have confidence in the confidentiality of their information is uppermost, superseding the previous reasoning of the Court of Appeal, which took the commercial view that conflicts of interest do happen but that big firms can manage these situations.

The real bottom line, however, is something much more tangible. KPMG was caught bang to rights, advising in a sit-uation when it should have questioned more closely whether it should have been. For all its assignments the firm received millions of pounds in fees. After deducting the costs of unsuccessfully defending in the courts its right to act, one can safely assume that KPMG remains soundly in profit on the case.

One may wonder that while fees are there to be earned and the profit motive remains one can equally assume that professional advisers will continue to test the law on what defines a conflict of interest.

TELEVISION CHOICE

A soap star on song

ITV, 6.30pm (not Scotland)

Anybody still mourning Tiffany from EastEnders may find this upbeat film about the actress who created the role suitable therapy. Or perhaps the contrast between the whining and victimised Tiff and the spirited, positive antitude Martine might interfere with the necessary suspension of disbelief next time they visit Walford. Following the actress now an aspiring (and it must be said better-than-average) singer, over a three-month period from the last days on EastEnders, it is essentially a puff for her first record release.

The Man BBC1, 8.30pm

Lenny Henry is the chap in question, a Midlands travel agent and part-time rhythm 'n' blues band singer who is convinced that he will soon hit the big time. The Oscar-nominated Mariame Jean-Baptiste plays his broody partner. Adrian Edmondson, Morwenna Banks and John Sessions Edmondson, Morwenna Banks and John Sessions are among Henry's fellow comedians playing (fairly) straight in this comedy drama by Jon Carter. The mus and bolts of the plot are unconvincing, but as the story of our hero's reluctant journey to maturity and fulfilment—via humiliation and abandonment, naturally—it is convincingly played, with Henry harnessing his puppyish eagerness to please to create a genuinely rounded and at times unsymmathetic character. puppyish eagerness to please to create a genuine rounded and at times unsympathetic character.

Moby Dick

BBC2, 8pm By the same paint-on-glass animation team that produced the Oscar-nominated Canterbury Tales, here's an heroically condensed. 30-minute adaptation, by Brian Sibley, of the Herman Melville classic. The images are vivid, sometimes frightening, sometimes charming, and move the tale very smartly along in the hands of the director. Natasha Orlova. Tim Guinee voices Ishmael, our narrator. Rod Steiger provides the gruff tones of Captain Ahab, while Burt Kwouk admirably conveys the stoic attitude of the soothsayer Fedallah.

serve as a rehearsal for the FA Cup semi-final later this month. Barry O'Keeffe RADIO CHOICE

Radio 4, 9,45am One of two programmes today that offer the rare opportunity for parents to stay with Radio 4 without having their bolidaying children demanding a out having their bolidaying children demanding a switch to some other network [assuming you can get them out of bed]. The Just William stories by Richmal Crompton first appeared in The Home magazine 80 years ago and if William and his gang, the Outlaws, would nowadays be more likely to be a putative rock band rehearsing in William's background, the very quaintness adds to the charm. Martin Jarvis has won awards for his interpretations of previous stories and is reading interpretations of previous stories and is reading five more each day this week, starting today with

the gang's attempts to get an April Fool joke to do something other than rebound on themselves.

Just William: The 80th Anniversary

RADIO 1 (BBC)

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RADIO 2 (BBC)

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Talking Point 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Coffee- A Hellish Brew 8.30 Everywomen 9.00 World News 8.05 Record News 9.20 Off the Shelf: News Of A Kidnapping 9.35 Health Matters 10.00 World News 10.05 Business Class 10.20 Counterpoint 10.50 Sports Round-Up 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Butten Today 11.45 World Business Report 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Pick of the World 1.00 World News 1.05 Outlook 1.45 Sports Round-Up 2.00 Newsdour 3.00 World News 1.05 Dutlook 1.45 Sports Round-Up 2.00 Newsdour 3.00 World News 3.05 Health Matters 3.30 Mericlan 4.00 World News 4.05 Sports Round-Up 7.00 World News 7.15 Britain Today 7.20 Adopting Athludes 8.00 World News 7.15 Britain Today 7.20 Adopting Athludes 8.00 World News 8.05 Health Matters 8.30 The Ferming World 8.45 Off the Shelf: News Off A Kidnapping 9.00 Newsdourt 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report 10.20 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian 11.00 World News 11.15 Sports Round-Up 11.30 The U.K. Top Twenty 12.00 World News 12.05 Insight 1.00 The World Today 2.30 Westway 2.45 Record News 3.00 The World Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.55 My Century 2.00 The World Today 2.30 Westway 2.45 Record News 3.00 6.00mm Serah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Songs of the Century 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 6.00 Big Band Special 8.30 Jooks Holland 9.30 Joe Brown: Let it Rock, New

RAOIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00mm Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Brian Hayes 12.00 Midday News 1.00pm Sport on 5. Footbalt: Chelsea Rugby League. Hull Sharks v Shaffield Eagles. Racing: the kish National at Fairyhouse. Cricket: fourth Teat between West Indies and Australia in Artigue 6.05 Str. O-Six 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Monday Metch. Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspu 9.40 Wembley Witners. New series. Peter Stater remembles great FA Cup finals 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00mm Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00mm The Big Boys Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm & Sally James 12.00 Lat's Talk Sosp 1.00pm The Sports Zone 7.00 Under the Posts 8.00 James Whale 1.00em Gordon Astley

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8.00 Masteworks with Peter Hobday
10.30 Artist of the Week John Tominson
11.00 Sound Stories: Cathedral's Richard Baker investigates Cartestury Cathedral
12.00 Composer of the Week: Benjamin Britten (r)
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2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra of Wales. Mozari (Clarinet Concerto in A, K622); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great)
4.00 Opera in Action with Graeme Kay
5.00 In Time Sean Ratterty previews The Red Violin
7.30 Performance on 3: Encless Parade
(Sounding the Century) A concert given last

month in Symphony Hall, Birmingham. The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the conductor Simon Rattle introduce and perform Nicholas Maw's Odyssey

9.35 Postecript: Clinema Apocalyptica (1/5)

10.00 Voices lain Burnside introduces a selection of songs written in 1936

11.00 Night Waves An extra programme each week for the late-mont ares review series. Richard Coles

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11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton presents the seven-string guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli in concert
12.00 Through the Night Includes 12.00 Faure (Apres un reve) 12.20 Brutins (Die Zeit) 12.30 Barnsten (Candide) 12.35 Pachelbel (Aria) 12.45 Sterkel (Duet) 1.00 S. Terentjev, piano

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5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith
6.00 Today with Sue MacGregor
9.00 Start the Week Hosted by Jeremy Paoman
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9.45 (LW) Daily Service
10.00 Worman's Hour with Martha Kearney and guests
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11.30 Full Moon New series (1/4)
12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast
12.00 (FM) News 12.04pm You and Yours
1.00 The World at One with James Cox
1.30 Mastermind General knowledge
2.00 The Archers Yesterday's edition (r)
2.15 Afternoon Play: Five Children and It E. Nesbit's
tale. See Choice
3.45 This Sceptred Isle Part 66 (r)

4.00 The Food Programme (r)
4.30 Four Corners New series
5.00 PM with Clare English and Eddie Mair
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7.45 Diary of a Provincial Lady by E.M. Delafield (r)
8.00 Race to Do Better with Ferdinand Dennis (1/2)
8.30 Analysis with Julian Le Grand
9.00 Spring Watch New senes
9.30 Start the Week Broadcast earlier (r)
10.00 The World Tonight Justin Webb presents
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Archangel Alan Howard reads part one of Robert Harris's thriller (1/10)
11.00 Late Night on 4: Plunger by Johnny Meres
11.30 Crossing Over Belinda Sykes (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Earthly Joys Part one of Philippa Gregory's turbulent novel
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

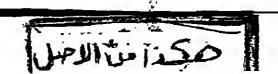
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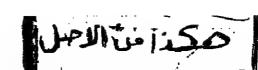
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TELEVISION 47 Ing Sophisticated drama, but no real surprises

murder stories, it probably stood out like Ronald McDonald at a funeral. After all, the killer is generally somebody we aren't supposed to suspect, like the butler, the milkman or, in this case, the vicar.

The Dark Room (BBC1, Friday and Saturday) called itself a 'nsychological thriller", implying something more sophisticated and disturbing than a "whodunnit". So when that nice Reverend Simon Harris, who seemed so reasonable, turned out to be the skullfracturing psycho, seething with repressed rage, it was a bit of a letdown. Yeah, yeah. if you say so.

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This was a pity. The construction of Minette Walters's plot is extremely clever. The heroine, Jinx (unlucky name, unlucky gal) Kings)ey (Dervla Kirwan) is badly injured in a road accident while apparently drunk, but has lost all nemory of how it happened.

fiance, who were about to run off together, have been found with their heads smashed in. Her father, a self-made millionaire with a thuggish past, puts her in a discreet private clinic and tries to contro) her convalescence in a

decidedly menacing way.

Jinx gets flashbacks of gory and sadistic violence and thinks that she may be responsible for it.

Walters neatly counterpoints the police investigation with Jinx's analysis by the psychiatrist Dr Alan Protheroe, and we wait for the two strands to converge. But the "psychological" heart of the thriller appeared 10 be the disturbingly claustrophobic relationship between Jinx and her father. When this turns out to be another false trail, it rather undermines the point of the psycho-drama.

The production deserves some kind of award, though, for trying so desperately hard to be stylish.

Her best friend and her former From the strained violin chords and ominous piano 10 the minimalist interiors, everything screamed "sophistication!" All characters wore toning shades black, or deep dark blue (the new black) or dark grey (the new dark blue) - even the cops and the vicar, who probably bad an Armani dog-collar.

> veryone was terse and intense and utterly humourless. After a while (about five minutes, as I recall) this got a trifle wearing. I longed for Inspector Frost to saunter in in his anorak and say something sarcastic. But the executives of Birt's BBC are into designer suits and being stylish, and I expect they thought this was the business.

If you wanted an authentic psychological mystery, you would have been better off with in The Footsteps Of Bruce Chatwio (BBC2, Saturday and Sunday),

REVIEW.



Paul Hoggart

another of the three two-parters which straddled the weekend. Television rarely produces significant or original art, but it can be excellent at paying tribute to it. Nicholas Shakespeare's intriguing and often moving profile of this "difficult", enigmatic writer, based on his recent biography, was as fascinating for

what it could not reveal as what it

could. Even Chatwin's nearest and

dearest didn't pretend to under-stand him, although they didn't see that as a problem either. It was all part of the fascination.

There are many possible explanations for Charwin's chronically itchy feet. He had a massive "magpie" craving for knowledge. He was, since early childhood, fascinated by curios and exotica. Despite his brilliance he was a failure at school. He was extremely close to his mother and above all he was deeply ashamed of his homosexuality and wanted to hide it from the world. After a while this speculation

seems fatuous, and it certainly wasn't the main interest of the programme, which traced the creadon of those extraordinary books. It was trave) writing, but not as we knew it. Not quite fiction, not quite reportage. Chatwin used the stories of little-known communides as catalysts for a kind of anthropological speculation about the human condition.

Shakespeare interviewed many of the subjects who appeared in Chatwin's books under changed names, especially in In Paragonia and The Songlines. Often he embel)ished, sometimes he falsified, sometimes he photographed them with cold, unflattering accuracy, but mostly they forgave him. It was strangely moving to hear them reading his descriptions of themselves.

ost affecting was his wife Elizabeth, who said that she sometimes felt like a Tuareg slave, minding the oasis, while her master roamed in search of humanity's nomad past. She must have been terribly hurt at times by his neglect and secrecy, but she loved his mind, and she accepted the deal without self-pity or regret.

When he died of Aids, having pretended it was a rare fungal

infection, still romantically young. he took his innermost thoughts to the grave and left us five of the most distinctive books in modern literature.

Perhaps he will become a source of speculation and legend, like some Ancient British wizard, Part one of Merlin (Channel 4, Sunday) didn't bother with any tedious nonsense about truth or authenucity (how could it?). It was just old-fashioned, pyrotechnic knockabout fun.

This was just as well because a lot of the acting was awful. James Earl Jones wasn't bad as the token living rock, but Sam Neill as Merlin was much more wooden. Poor Miranda Richardson (Queen Mab) had to deliver her lines in a grating bronchia) screech, while Rutger Hauer and Helena Bonham Carter opted for bestquality ham. Never mind, it was worth it for those fairies, buzzing about like dragonflies on crack.

88C1 7.00am News; Weather (T) [5600834] 7.10 CBBC: Postman Pat (5620698) 7.25 Silver Brumby (9154143) 7.50 Inch High Private Eye (8586389) 8.10 Bots Master [4658679] 8.35 Goober and the Ghost Chasers (9938143) 9.00 Midas Touch (7291766) 9.25 Student Bodies (7294853) 9.55 Teletubbies (7228853)

10.20 News; Weather (T) (7573476) 10.30 Far From Home — Adventures of Yellow Dog (1994) Premiere. A youngster is shipwrecked and lorced to survive in a hostile widerness with only his trusty hound for company. Directed by Phillip Borsos (T) (1957414)

11.50 Armie: A Royal Adventure (TVM 1995)
The heroine of the Oscar-winning musical visits England, where she uncovers a plot to destroy Buckingham Palace. . Directed by Ian Toynton (T) (8633785) 1,20pm News, Weather (T) (38406747)

1.35 Neighbours (T) (16452308) 2.00 The Really Wild Show Special The plight of wild tigers (1) (51896476) 2.25 Mary Poppins (1964) Disney musical fantasy about a nanny with magic powers. With Julie Andrews . Directed by

Robert Stevenson (T) (15079476) 4.40 Final Score Results (9522698) 5.15 News; Weather (T) (2523230) 5.40 Neighbours (r) (1) | 147037) 6.05 Get Your Act Together Viewers are

invited to vote in the grand final of the talent show (1) (706056) 7.00 Easter Floods: A 999 Special How the worst floods in living memory battered the heart of England (T) (617018)

7.50 Get Your Act Together Results of the final (1) (253018) 8.00 EastEnders Roy's reckless behaviour surprises Pat (1) (9211)



Lenny Henry stars as an ambitious rhythm 'n' blues singer (8.30pm)

6.30 CROICE The Man Soulful comedy drama about a singing travel agent with ambitions for the big time With Lenny Henry (T) (8113619) 9.50 The Bay City Rollers — Remer Profile of the band (T) (735501) 10.30 News; Weather (T) (456766)

10.50 Match of the Day Action from the FA Premiership (T) (7836872) 12.00 Four Eyes and Six Guns (TVM 1992) Western comedy, with Judge Reinhold. Directed by Piers Haggard (1693490) 1.25am Weather (5950419)

1.30 BBC News 24 (9141506)

WALES 5.15pm-5.40 News; Wales Today (T) (2523230) 9.50-10.30 The Stereophonics: Cwmaman Feel the Noize (rl (T) (735501) 10.50 The Bay City Rollers — Remember? (138969) 11.30 Match of the Day (T) (556211) 12.40am FILM: Four Eyes and Six Guns (5576709) 2.10 News; Weather (T) (5951612) 2.15-6.00 BBC News 24 (86283457)

7.00am The Phil Silvers Show (r) (9133650) 7.25 FILM: Random Harvest (99549650) 9.30 Legends in Light: The Photographs

BBC2

ol George Hurrell (75376) 10.30 FILM: it's Always Fair Weather (20458766) 12.10pm FILM: Easter Parade (846360) 1.50 Grandstand: Touring Cars (6907698 Grandstand: Touring Cars (couroso) 2.35 Around the Grounds (8511292) 2.40 Molorcycling (6459211) 3.05 Swimming (8754124) 3.25 Football Latest (5004143) 3.39 Touring Cars (7787124) 4.20 Football Latest (5038872)

4.35 Top Gear Take Two Jeremy Clarkson and Andy Wilman race at high speed in two cars chained together (T) (2267414) 4.50 The Magnificent Showman (1964)
John Wayne stars as a circus owner searching for the mother of a girl he has raised as his daughter. Moving drama, with Rita Hayworth, Directed by Henry Hathaway (T) (111717143)

7.00 Golf 1999 in the week of the US Masters, the BBC football pundit Alan Hansen presents a history of the prestigious annual event (T) (4476)



An animated version of Herman Melvilla's classic tale (8pm)

CHOICE Moby Dick Animated version of the epic tale, leaturing the voice of Rod Steiger as Ahab (1) (7853) 8.30 Food and Drink Ainsley Harriott gets to grips with fruity brioche bombes and Antony Worrall Thompson prepares scented salmon on roasled root

9.00 Red Dwarf Kryten takes revenge for Lister's dodgy advice on female biology. threatening to land him and Rimmer in deep disciplinary trouble (1) (5476) 9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks With Chrissle Hynde (T) (39105)

vegetables (1) (6360)

10.00 Face (1997) Premiere. Armed robbers enler a world of deceit and double-cross after the foot from their latest herst is stolen. Gangland thriller, starring Robert Cartyle and Ray Winslone. Directed by

Antonia Bird (685698) 11.50 Tribe The rough and ready residents of an Edinburgh council estate and a wity bunch of temale Star Trek lans. Last in series (T) (381389)

12.20am Animation on 2 A man's love of football jeopardises his love (2436167) 12.25 Weather (2435438)

12,30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University Was Anybody There? (50902) 1.00 Left and Write: Recailing the Thirties (63693) 1.30 Venice and Antwerp — Part One, The Cities Compared (73916) 2.00 Exam Revision: GCSE Briesize Revision — Science 3. Chemistry (92235) 4.00 Languages. Espana Vival (92457) 5.00 Business and Training. Skills for Work Improving Communication (3537612) 5.45 Open University: Following a Scora (2034070) 6.10 Ducclo: The Rucellai Madonna (7451322) 6.35 Open Advice Science Skills (5362419)

5.30am ITV Morning News | 15747) 6.00 GMTV (2135124)

9.25 CITV: Tiny Toon Adventures (7205969) 9.50 The Fantastic Voyages of Sinbad the Sallor (8942495) 10.20 Timmy Towers. The Easter Special (3136230) 10.45 Percy the Park Keeper (267969) 11.15 Bugs Bunny (6683230)

HTV

11.30 Born Free (1966) True story based on the lives of Joy and George Adamson, who won international acclaim for their work with Kenyan lions. Directed by James Hill (1) (55430327)

1.15pm (TV Lunchtime News (T) (38409834) 1.29 HTV Weather (93839834) 1.30 Shortland Street (45766) 2.00 Carnival of the Animals Animaled

musical adventure (1) (1643476) 2.35 Stay Tuned (1992) Zany comedy about a couple who buy a TV set from a diabolical salesman and get sucked into diabolical salesman and get sucked into a nightmarish entertainment channel run by the Devil. With John Ritter. Directed by Peter Hyams (T) (4258747)
4.05 The Electric Horseman

Sentimental drama about a washed-up former rodeo star who saves a mistreated thoroughbred horse and rides it crosscountry. With Robert Redford, Directed by Sydney Pollack (T) (20653330) 6.15 HTV News and Weather (T) (199853) 6.20 ITV Evening News (T) (644768)

6.26 HTV Crimestoppers (350940) 6-30 CHEICE Martine McCuteheon: This is My Moment The former EastEnder offers viewers a behind-thescenes look at the making of her debut single (1) (13650)

7.30 Coronation Street (1) (308) 8.00 Neighbours from Hell (r) (1) (1679)



Drama with Katie Ryder Richardson and Joanna Lumley (8.30pm)

8.30 Nancherrow Concluding part of the drama following the fortunes of Coming Home's Carey-Lewis clan in the early 1950s (2/2) (T) (57143)

10.30 Lord of the Dance: A South Bank Show Special Profile of Irish dancer Michael Flatley (r) (851308) 11.15 (TV Nightly News; Weather (T) (419501) 11.30 HTV News and Weather (1) (172853)

11.35 The Lawnmower Man (1992) A slow-witted gardener is transformed into a computer-generated megalomaniac by a virtual reality experiment. Directed by Brett Leonard (T) (447785)

1.30am Cookie (1989) A streetwise reenager wins the admiration of her gangster father. Cornedy, starring Peter Falk and Emily Lloyd Directed by Susan Seldelman (318877) 3.10 World Football (r) (84737186)

3.40 You Pay Your Money (1957) A couple attempt to expose a gang stealing Arab manuscripts. Starring Honor Blackman. Directed by Maclean Rogers (3946902) 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (25317780) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (46438)

CENTRAL

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6.15-6.20 Central News (199853) 11.30-11.35 Central News; Weather (172853) 1.35am The Killing Mind (TVM 1991) An FBI-trained police officer uses her mind-reading skills to delive into a

20-year-old murder case. Psychological thriller, starring Stephanie Zimbalist Directed by Michael Ray Rhodes (969490)

3.20 World Football (82153525) 3.50 Central Jobfinder '99 (6776693) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (9896490)

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As HTV West except: 6.15-6.20pm Meridian News; Weather (199853)

7.29-7.30 Meridian Weather (470563) 11.30-11,35 Meridian News; (172853)5.00-5.30am Freescreen (46438)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 6.15-6.20pm Anglia News and Weather (199853)1.29 Anglia Air Watch (380650)

11.30-11.35 Anglia News and W BORDER

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by the Bell (1) (92298766) 9.30 Sam and Max (93582501) 10.00 Eerie, Indiana: The Other Dimension (T) (83350969) 10.30 CatDog |33140969) 10.45 Boy Meets World (T) (17822871) 11.15 Moesha (10072394) 11.45 The Bigger Breakfast (99405389) 12.00 Dawson'a Creek (T) (82631056) 12.55pm Planed Plant (T) (15136582) 1.25 Classic Cars (T) (17923389) 1.55 The Magical Making of Merlin (T) (98718211) 2.30 Racing from Kempton Park, Newcastle and Fairyhouse (T) (21261853) 4.30 The Monte Williams Show (T) (99599563) 5.00 Planed Plant (41971476) 5.30 Countdown (T) (99513143) 6.00 Newyddion 6 (T) (49047563) 6.10 Heno (T) (39835308) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (T) (41984940) **7.30 Newyddion** (T) (49650308) **7.45 Porc Pei** (r) (T) (31391230) 8.45 Glan Clwyd (T) (26114691) 9.15 Sgorio (T) (39036124) 10.20 Merlin (T) (59094018) 12.10am The Real Merlin (T) (84268187) 1.10 The Long Good Friday (r) (98363457) 1.55

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5.45am The Magic Roundabout (2465360) 5.50 Animal Alphabet (2495501) 5.55 Sesame Street (5231563)

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4.30 Countdown (1) (7758230) 4.55 Montel Williams (1) (9503563) 5.30 Pet Rescue Easter Special (1) (69327) 6.30 Hollyoaks (1) (766)



Arthurian legend (7pm)

7.00 Merlin Part two. Sam Neill stars in an epic adventure. With Miranda Richardson, Helena Bonham Carter and Sir John Glelaud (1) (45954940)

8.50 News; Weather (1) (306969) 9.00 Roswell (TVM 1994) Dramatised Account of the Army officer Jesse Marcel's 30-year battle against the high-level cover-up of his alleged contact with an alien in the New Mexico desert. Starring Kyle MacLachlan. Directed by

Jeremy Kagan (T) (31090018) 10.40 CROKE Paul Zenon Turning Tricks Elaborate set-ups and visual stings (980259)

11.35 Smack the Pony (r) (1) (303501) 12.05am And the Beat Goes On Ritchie does a runner on finding out he is not the lather ol Cathy's baby (2/8) (r) (2539612)

1.10 The Slege of Scotland Yard Media pressure on Sir Paul Condon Jollowing the publication of the Macpherson report into the Lawrence Inquiry (1) (1641186) 2.15 The Long Good Friday Last year's peace agreem (T) (5448709) ement in Northern Ireland (r)

2.55 Dispatches |r) (T) |4350964) 3.25 The Client Reggie defends a man accused of murder (r) (4840148)

4.15 The Kid From Spain (1932) Eddle Canlor plays a simpleton who gets mistaken for a bullfighter. Musical directed by Leo McCarey (638709)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport Headines, sport and business (5096785) 7.00 WidaWorld Part two. How art and science have contributed to an understanding of the human body (r) (T) 12946501)

7.30 Milkshake! (2741259)

7.35 Dappledown Farm (r); 5 News Update 8.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (2793853)

8.25 Witchworld; 5 News Update (3634679) 9.00 Ugly Duckling (TVM 1997) Animation based on the lamous lairy tale. Directed by David Elvin (2140414)

10.30 CHOMPS (1979) Children's cartoon. A young genius invents a bionic dog designed to be the world's best home-protection device. With the voice of Wesley Eure, Directed by Don Chaffey (4742563) 12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (8948292)

12.30pm Family Affairs Roy is released from prison (r) (1): 5 News Update (6388691)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Sly kidneps Jessica and Jasmine (T) (2945872) 1.30 The Roseanne Show The outrageous comedian Roseanne hosts her own show boasting provocative interviews and hol musical acts; 5 News Update (7738132) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (2256389)

Incorporating real-life soap Liverpool Murns, Pets Go Public, and Rob Buller's word game Cryptogram, 5 News Update (8849259)
3.30 Barabbas (1962) Biblical epic lollowing the life of the thief replaced by Jesus on the Cross. Anthony Cunn and Jack

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine,

Palance star, Directed by Richard Fleischer (T) (3257308) 6.00 5 News; Weather Kirsty Young rounds

up the day's stones (1) (6240969) 8.30 Family Attains Benji delends Maggie's honour (T); 5 News Update (6224921) 7.00 Splash Too (TVM 1988) A Manhattan yuppie thes to settle down with his mermaid wife in New York, but their merital bits is soon disturbed by the

fishtailed female's effons to save a friendly dolphin, Cornedy sequel, starring Todd Waring, Amy Yasbeck and Donovan Scott. Directed by Greg Antonacci (T) (5374018)

Second World War drama about the prejudice directed at America's first att-black fighter pilot squadron by tellow servicemen — including their own officers Starring Laurence Fishburne. John Lithgow and Malcolm-Jamal Warner. Directed by Robert Markowitz (T): 5 News Update (4762327) 10.30 Dr Fox's Chart Update The latest pop

hits (4338143) 10.35 Tomcat: Dangerous Desires (TVM 1992) A cancer is injected with leline DNA to cure a tatal genetic imbalance, only to suffer territying side-effects. Adult theiller, with Richard Grieco. Directed by

Paul Donovan (69550834) 12.25am Live and Dangerous: NHL American Ice Hockey Coverage of the New York Rangers at New Jersey Devils

(74468457) 5.30 Beastly Britain The grey squirrel (r) (T)

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7.00am Count Ductute (68292) 7.30 Grammy (87327) 8.00 Earthworm Jam (58766) 8.30 Pash Gordon (57037) 9.00 The Sampsons (48389) 9.30 The Sampsons (1921) 10.00 Kena: Warner Princess (1621) 11.00 Hercules The Legendary Journeys (63747) 12.00 The New Advantages of Superman (98872) 1.00pm Terzan The Epic Adventuses (74292) 2.00 Salv Jesay Raphael (54501) 3.00 Jenny Jones (87292) 4.00 Star Trek, Deep Space Nne (96817) 5.00 Star Trek, Voyager (8124) 6.00 Friends (2056) 6.30 Friends (3305) 8.00 Friends (2056) 8.30 Friends (33/05) 7.00 The Simpsons (9553) 7.30 The Simpsons (2592) 6.00 Star Tirk, Deep Space Nina (17921) 9.00 First Weve (17785) 10.00 South Park (55582) 10.30 Ning or the Hill (61230) 11.00 Friends (6576) 11.30 Friends (55056) 12.00 Star Tirk, Voyager (15341) 12.30am Law and Ottor (23070) 1.30 Long Play (4896933)

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4.00pm Pardon Us (1931) (7558853) 5.00 Turzan the Fearless (1933) (3352114) 8.00 Heet and Dust (1983) (83811389) 10.15 Macon County Line (1973) (2898056) 11.50 The Lion in Winter (1969) (92241389) 2.05am Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Code (1946) (65038896) 3.50 Nothing but the Truth (1941) (35421438) FILMFOUR

6.00pm A Bout de Souffle (1959) (8698018) 9.00 Only You (1994) (8693563) 10.00 A Lite Less Ordinary (1997) 18737679) 11.50 Shallow Grave (9105056) 1.40 Trains (1996) (4014631) 3.15 Stab Boys (1997) (66959(2) 4.50 Outrageous Taxo Stones

9.00pm The Hucksters (1947) (935(99°1) 11.00 Escape from Fort Bra-vo (1953) (905(9501) 1.00am The Last Rum (1977) (71387457) 2.45 Zabriskie Point (1970) (17474849) 5.00 Close

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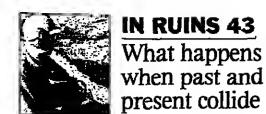
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IT experts fear Budget will spark 'brain drain'

By CHRIS AYRES

COMPUTER EXPERTS are threatening to abandon Britain because of a tax change made in Gordon Brown's Budget last month.

The change, to take effect from April 2000, will force highly paid IT consultants to become staff employees of the companies they work for. instead of charging fees through tax-efficient "personal service com-

Financial advisers to the IT industry say that the tax change may create a devastating "brain drain" of IT professionals and do much more harm to the economy than steps by hauliers to move abroad because of fuel duty rises.

IT contractors say the change will undermine the Government's

that Britain already has a damaging shortage of IT professionals, with an estimated 50,000 jobs unfilled, although industry relies on computer experts to fix the millenni-um bug and to help it to compete

with foreign rivals. Giant Group, which advises

aim of boosting IT education and of making Britain "the information centre of the world". They argue dustry organisations giving warning that computer specialists will take their skills abroad if the Gov-ernment presses on with its crackdown on personal service companies. It argues that many other na-oons with shortages of IT skills already offer big tax discounts to woo foreign IT professionals. In The

Netherlands, foreign IT contractors receive a 35 per cent tax break. Matthew Brown, chief executive of Giant, said: "We are facing a

massive brain drain. Already we've been inundated with responses from individuals who say they'll simply go abroad. This means that their clients will end up having to

pay more to keep them." An Inland Revenue spokeswornan said that the changes to personal service company law were not intended to hit IT consultants, but to to stop companies taking away the rights of workers by paying them freelance fees when they were effectively full-time employees.

However, a Government statement at the time of the Budget took a harder line. 11 said: "There has for some time been general concern about the hiring of individuals through their own service companies so that they can exploit the fiscal advantages offered by a corpo-



Post Office poised for £1.5bn spree

By Carl Mortished, international business editor

THE Post Office intends to invest £1.5 billion in overseas acquisitions over the next few years to counter the growing threat of competition in its domestic market.

The organisation, which spent more than £300 million acquiring German Parcel in January, is keen to extend its influence further, with an increased stake in General Parcel high on the list of possible investments.

The Post Office has inherited German Parcel's 23 per cent stake in General Parcel, an international business with operations in 30 European countries. Neville Bain, Post Office chairman, said: "We would like to control more of that."

The organisation, which owns Royal Mail and Parcel-

force, is under pressure to extend its reach into Europe prior to full liberalisation of postal services in 2003. Consolidation is already in full swing and the Post Office is a late starter; the Dutch post office has acquired TNT, while Deutsche Post has taken a stake in DHL

However, the Post Office's international investment plans are likely to anger consumer groups. Many believe that the Post Office should invest to improve domestic services and keep down the cost of first and

second class postage.
The takeover of German Parcel has already aroused controversy, given the Post Office's reluctance to confirm the price and precise means by which it funded the deal. Competitors have complained to the Euro-

with reserves, commercial borrowings and government loans. Mr Bain said: "Geared appropriately, we could finance £1.5 billion in acquisitions. We have eight active targets."

Key to future funding will be the Government White Paper, expected soon, which is likely to recommend greater commer-cial freedom for the Post Office, Last year Peter Mandelson, then Trade and Industry Secretary, announced that the Post

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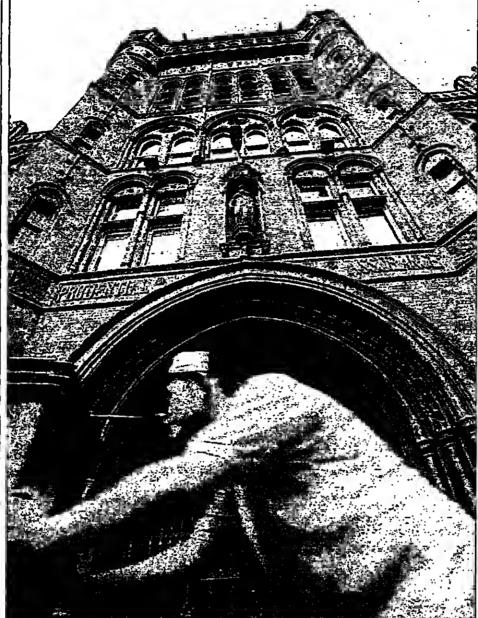
The Post Office states that

Office would lose its monopoly on delivering letters costing less than El and that it would be ruled by a new regulator, in re-turn the Post Office would be able to keep a greater share of its profits, rather than give them to the Treasury, and be allowed to buy companies overseas.

Mr Bain expects further con-

solidation in the European postal market focused around a small number of players.

Increased competition and the threat of losing valuable commercial business in 2003 is likely to force the smaller European postal services into alliances with companies such as Deutsche Post or Britain's Post Office. In exchange for acting as feeders, they would secure access to a larger network. Mr Bain said: "They need a trading relationship. It would provide one system dealing with production and distribution."



Premium site: Prudential is quitting the head office building it has occupied for 129 years

Prudential on the move

THE removal men moved in yesterday as the Prudential began to vacate its Holborn headquarters in Central London yesterday, a building it has occupied for almost 130 years (Caroline Merrell writes).

The building specifically built for the UK's biggest in-

staff are to be relocated in offices close to Cannon Street.

The listed building, which also provides offices for the Royal Bank of Scotland, was completely modernised six years ago at an estimated cost

surance company in 1870, is to of £150 million. The Queen reopened the refurbished offices be rented out and about 500 in October 1993.

A spokesman for the group said the Prudential was moving to a more modern office environment, adding that its recent restructuring meant that it no looger needed the space.

Alaska may fight the might of BP

ALASKA may set up its own oil and gas company to challenge the might of BP Amoco and Atlantic Richfield (Arco).

BP Amoco's \$27 billion (£17 billion) takeover of Arco will give the merged company 70 per cent of Alaska's oil production. As a result, the state's Governor has appointed a high-level cabinet team to review the planned takeover in an urgent attempt to protect

Alaska's interests. Drue Pearce, Alaska's Senate President, and Brian Por-ter, the House Speaker, said: The fact that one company would control so large a portion of Alaska's oil and gas resources puts our state in a very vulnerable position."

The oil industry also accounts for 70 per cent of Alaska's \$2.3 billion operating

The potential domination by foreign corporation has brought calls for action from lawmakers to force BP to sell some of its holding to ensure that competition is maintained. Some politicians have suggested that BP should be compelled to relinquish its gas interests to a state-owned company. There are fears that competition for leases on exploration acreage will be reduced. Much of the state revenue comes from bonus bids for

A Bill is now before the Alaskan legislature to establish Alaska Gas Corporation. the first step towards a stateowned company that would both market the huge but untapped gas reserves in the North Slope and challenge the private sector's dominance.

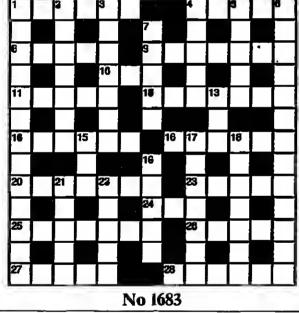
Representative Jim Whitakthe House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, said: "In the light of the ongoing merger negotiations between BP Amoco and Arco, we may soon see less compenove North Slope operating procedures, which will likely result in a situation

less beneficial to the state."
Mr Whitaker said: "State ownership of this project is critical in order to overcome the enormous tax burden associated with private sector ownership."

BP Amoco, too, is playing up the potential of riches from gas to sway opinion in its favour. Sir John Browne, chief executive, said the deal would unlock the huge potential of Alaskan gas reserves and he offered the carrol of new technology to convert gas into liquids. He said: "We have plans to build a \$70 million pilot plant on the North Slope to test that technology, and if it is successful, we will consider

full-scale development,"
The Federal Government in Washington will be keenly aware of the dilemma because it plans to lease a vast area of the National Petroleum Re-serve in May. The highly controversial move — the land is home to huge herds of caribou as well as polar bears and migratory birds - will be a test case for competition because it will take place before the BP Arco merger is concluded. BP and Arco combined will

be the largest non-state oil producer in the world, pumping four million barrels of oil and gas a day. Arco also brings with it a vast gasfield in Indonesia, with eight trillion cubic feet in reserves. The groups will have a combined market capitalisation of \$190 billion, with share listings in London er, Republican Chairman of and New York. In London, the company will be about a tenth of the FTSE 100 index by value.



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Sainsbury labels OFT's work as 'inadequate'

BY PAUL ARMSTRONG

THE simmering row between food retailers and the Office of Fair Trading broke out into the open yesterday when I Sainsbury, Britain's secondlargest supermarket chain, confirmed reports that it had labelled the OFT's work as "inadequate and inconclusive".

Dino Adriano, Sainsbury's chief executive, has accused the OFT of using "an experimental formula" in trying to establish whether the supermarkets were making excessive profits. The attack was contained in a leaked letter from Mr Adriano to John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading.

Mr Adriano encourages Mr Bridgeman to refer the trad-ing activities of the four big supermarkets to the Monopolies and Mergers Commis-sion, saying the MMC would "confirm that competition is alive and well" in the industry. The leaking of the letter, and Sainsbury's confirmation of its accuracy, was seen as further evidence of the damage being inflicted on the supermarket industry's public

image by the OFT.

The warchdog, which has been investigating the industry for nine months, is expected to reveal within a fortnight whether it will hand its file to the MMC. "Your staff have struggled

for nine months to assess



Adriano: letter to watchdog

supermarket profitability."
Mr Adriano wrote. "That its results should prove inconclusive should come as no sur-

"Supermarket profits are not excessive, are well in line with profitability generally in the UK and the sector in continental Europe and the US." News of Mr Adriano's at-

tack comes less than a fortnight after Asda, one of Sainsbury's key competitors, was embroiled in a public row with the OFT over its profit margins.
Asda claimed that the OFT had said it had no problem

with Asda's margins, a sugges-tion which the OFT denied immediately.
The OFT has based its work on a complex formula using figures supplied by Sainsbury, Safeway, Asda and Tesco.

The complexity of the formula is believed to be responsible for the delay in the inquiry, which was due to be complet-

Mad dash to beat Pep deadline

HOLIDAYS have been called off for many banking staff today as they work to process the last rush for Peps and Tessas before the midnight deadline (Our City Staff writes). The Halifax is opening 100

of its 800 bank branches to process the forms. The bank received more than 4,000 applications for tax exempt special savings accounts on Saturday. four times the normal amount. Personal equity plan applications were also 30 per cent higher than normal.

Peps and Tessas are being abolished in favour of individual savings accounts (Isas), which offer less generous taxfree savings allowances.
The rush also comes at a

time when many people are looking to make investments before the new tax year starts. Today Don Clark, managing director of the firm of Torquil Clark, will deliver Pep applications worth more than E2.5 million by helicopter to fund management companies including Perpetual, Gartmore, Fidelity.

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Are you EMPLOYED or SELF EMPLOYED

BA launches travel loan service

BY CAROLINE MERRELL BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AIRWAYS is to become the first airline to offer travel loans to its customers. The travel loans, from £500 to £15.000, available from tomorrow, will eventually be available from all of the airline's travel shops across the UK.

Initially, the service. British Airways Travel Finance, will be offered from six of the airline's shops around the country. A spokesman for BA said yesterday that the loan operation was not a prelude to the launch of a bank, but indicated that further financial initiaoves were being considered. Martin George, BA's director of marketing, said: "British Airways is the first airline to pioneer travel loans. This is a unique service which will make planning your flight or holiday easier

than before."

British Airways has about 41 million customers worldwide, including 600,000 executive club members in the UK and 2.5 million throughout the world.

The airline will offer two options for repaying the loan. Under the interestfree option, borrowers pay a 10 per cent deposit, with the rest of the instalments spread over three months. If they choose to spread the repayments over 12 months or 23 months, the loans attract interest rates of 15.9 per cent or 14.9 per cent. respectively.

The British Airways Financial Services

division was launched three years ago. It offers travel insurance with GE Capital Travel Insurance Services, joint branded foreign currency and traveller's cheques through Travelex, and credit charge cards in seven countries.